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Bad weather can't stop Cowbridge backing good cause

DESPITE dreadful weather conditions, the Cowbridge Cancer Research (UK) committee were on the streets again last month.

"Even though there is a recession, the good people of Cowbridge, and visitors to the town, still gave generously by raising £758.60. Thank you," said spokeswoman Fran Davies.

In June, the committee will reach its 50th anniversary. It was formed in 1959 by Cowbridge residents and has stayed active through good times and bad.

A spokeswoman said: "To celebrate and remember those who have gone before us, there will be a grand 50th anniversary dinner dance in St Quentin's Suite, the Bear Hotel on Friday, June 26."

Contact Anne Birt on 01446 774062 or Debbie Morgan on 01446 772418 for full details.

ABOVE: Despite the poor weather, the Cowbridge Cancer Research committee still managed to collect £758.60.

Green drinks at the bar!

GREEN drinks are being served at the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge, on Tuesday, June 12, between 6.30pm-9.30pm.

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ST HILARY RESIDENTS SAY: 'GET RID OF UGLY ROAD MARKER POSTS'.

RESIDENTS in St Hilary say that new marker posts on the village green are unsightly and must go.

Some go further and say that they are a safety hazard.

The row has blown up because the village green has always been prone to damage from vehicles parking on the grass, and from lorries cutting corners or reversing.

Terry Hoggett, a St Hilary resident, told The GEM: "On one side of the road, the green is protected by a series of wooden posts – which are in keeping with the character of the village.

"However, only two weeks ago, on the other side of the road, the Vale Council put up several ugly black and white posts, about three feet high."

He said: "Everyone agrees that they look dreadful."

The area is a conservation area.

Another local resident, Di Bithell, went further, saying that the new posts were dangerous. She told The GEM: "They are plastic and can be bent over a long way.

"When released, they spring back with great force."

She explained that children often picnic under the tree, and that they were bound to play with the posts, with the danger that any child walking by at the wrong moment could be injured.

The new posts do have red reflectors built in, to make them more visible at night.

Mr Hoggett said that he felt sure that no villager would have complained if a reflector had been added to the wooden posts.

Di Bithell said that she felt the problem with lorries had increased due to sat-nav systems sending lorries down the wrong road.

She told The GEM that she had spoken to council officers in both the highways department and the conservation department, and had been told that the new posts were going to be taken down.

However, when The GEM spoke to the council, the response was more guarded.

Andrew Loosemore, operational manager for highway maintenance, said: "The residents requested that we install bollards at this location due to vehicles overriding the verge area.

"We installed our highway-approved bollards that have been installed at many other similar locations within the Vale, and which have proved to be extremely successful at preventing verge damage.

"Following installation, we have now received requests to have them removed. This is currently being investigated.

"If they are removed then fortunately, they are relatively inexpensive and only a small number have been installed."

St Hilary resident Terry Hoggett alongside one of the new posts installed by the Vale Council.

ABOVE: The old-style posts which protected the village green.

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THANK YOU for the coverage in The GEM on my Cowbridge to Coventry bike ride.

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We have raised in excess of £1,700 for Colwinston Playgroup and without doubt this figure has been helped by the publicity we received from The GEM.

Many thanks for your support.

Carrie Williams, Sutton

Bus lane cash can be better spent...

I HAVE read in the recent Plaid Voice Circular that the 350-metre bus lane from Dinas Powys to the Merrie Harrier is still to go ahead towards the end of the year.

I am a regular bus user, sometimes up to four times per day, mostly to Penarth and also to Cardiff. I have spoken to more than 10 bus drivers working for different bus companies, nobody approves.

Apart from the further disruption facing all road users, the only people who are likely to benefit are the contractors and land owners.

Certainly, two buses (numbers 87 and 93) have to turn right into Redlands Road; they will have to cross the straight on lane and also disrupt traffic who have the right to turn into Redlands Road, therefore slowing all traffic down.

Did we not have enough disruption when the lights were altered? In fairness, apart from phasing the lights, it works well, but this proposal is sheer lunacy.

The money, which I believe is near £1m, can be put to better use on hospitals, schools and improvement to existing roads. Let common sense prevail!

Jeff Webber,
Dinas Powys

'Put badges in post'

OUR Member of Parliament, Mr John Smith has certainly deserved to be criticised for his 'about-face' in the Gurkha affair.

I can also criticise him for choosing to search out people who were entitled to the Veterans' Badge, Bevin Boys' Badge, and Land Army Badge – and have his picture displayed in The GEM on so many occasions that it became a source of amusement to me.

I, like many others, was quite content to have the Veterans' Badge delivered by post.

Roy Williams, Llanblethian

'Thank you'

ON Saturday, May 16, I was in a car crash on the B4268, near Llandow Trading Estate at approximately 2pm.

I have no recollection of the event, after suffering a blow to the head; however, it is evident that someone stopped to help me and call the rescue services, for which I am most grateful.

I have left my contact details with The GEM and would like to thank you in person.

Gordon Rickets, Ewenny.

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Who will take responsibility for this hooligan element?

I WOULD like to take this opportunity to reply to Mrs Mary Austin's recent letter in The GEM.

As a former member of the Royal Air Force with 24 years' service, I am well aware of the excellent relationship that the local community has with the Armed Forces and the historical context.

I am also aware that West Camp residents have families who use the local infrastructure, and that the vast majority of personnel are polite, respectful and a credit, not only to the community, but to the uniforms they wear.

The choice of words to describe my letter as 'disgraceful' reminded me of my thoughts when I found myself in the casualty department of the Princess of Wales Hospital.

I accompanied my friend there, in an ambulance, after he had been set upon by a group of people.

These assailants had beaten him to the floor, before kicking and stamping on him. We had been warned not to go into Llantwit any more as there was a chance of assault but, as mature and sober 40-year-old men, we thought it would not happen to us.

Mrs Austin, I would ask you to consider how you would feel if a friend or relation became the victim of an unprovoked attack in front of you?

The full description of the experience could not possibly be repeated in a family newspaper; suffice to say that 'disgraceful' does not come anywhere near.

Finally, I have to reiterate that I am not calling into question the integrity of the majority of 'West camp residents'. As I stated in my previous correspondence, as an ex-serviceman myself, I know it is a difficult job done very well by people who should be recognised more for their services.

I do, however, feel that someone should take responsibility for the behaviour of the few when 'socialising' – before someone becomes seriously hurt.

I hope it does not happen to my children or yours, Mrs Austin.

Spencer Locker, Boverton

Dog fouling: listen to the voices crying in wilderness

IN The GEM on May 14, Mrs DM Davies reminds the Vale Council that they have passed by-laws imposing fines of up to £1,000 on dog owners who allow their animals to foul in certain areas – one of the main ones, of course, being Barry beach.

She makes a robust call for the council to actually enforce their own laws. I am afraid she is a voice crying in the wilderness, for in nearly every sense the current dog-fouling laws are a bluff,

I took this matter up with the council a couple of years ago, and they actually wrote and admitted this!

Enforcement officers have no actual powers to enforce and can only ask for the name and address of miscreants. If this is refused or ignored, and the offender walks on, as they most certainly will do, no enforcement can take place.

In theory, a council official could ask for the police to come and inform the offender of the law and possibly effect an arrest, despite the law being uncertain on this point.

However, would any offender wait around until the police arrived? Would the police feel it was a good use of their resources to actually turn up to a scene with no visible offenders in sight?

It just would not happen and therefore, the current situation will not change.

Mrs. Davies will discover that she is, unfortunately, protesting to no effect.

Both central government and local authorities have a love of passing legislation that cannot be enforced and why they continue to do this is something of a mystery, which I cannot explain.

Machiavelli said long ago that it was fatal for those in power to threaten, but not to strike. Here is a perfect example of his maxim being ignored, with the visible results all around us.

Letters to your paper will continue to be written year after year on this subject, but for the reasons given here, no action will be taken.

There should be a law against it, but would it be enforced?

Mac Tanner, Barry

Llantwit town mayor election

FOLLOWING your report in The GEM, regarding the election of the new town mayor for Llantwit Major Town Council, I would like to clarify the rules regarding the election of the mayor.

At a meeting of the full council last September, I asked for clarification on the general meeting agenda, which was very misleading regarding the election of the town mayor.

After a discussion, the full council resolved that at the annual meeting each May, nominations from the floor be taken for the election of mayor, bearing in mind the member who had carried out the role of deputy mayor for the past year.

There is no resolution stating that the deputy mayor should automatically be mayor for the following year.

Mrs L Stokes, Town Clerk, Llantwit Major

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 11)

The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 15– 20 minutes earlier.

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04 Thur	04.52	13.3	17.23	13.3
05 Fri	05.47	13.4	18.08	13.4
06 Sat	06.37	13.5	18.49	13.6
07 Sun	07.14	13.7	19.37	13.8
08 Mon	07.56	13.5	20.20	13.7
09 Tues	08.41	13.5	21.01	13.8
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Heartbroken Penarth family talk about "wonderful" schoolboy lost in Brazilian plane tragedy

THE Vale family of 11-year-old schoolboy Alexander Bjoroy, who is missing in the Air France jet tragedy, have described him as "wonderful".

Alexander had been staying with his Penarth-born mother and Norwegian father in Brazil over the half-term holiday and was flying back to his prep school.

He was being chaperoned on the flight to Paris and onwards to Heathrow where he was due to be met by relatives.

His heartbroken grandfather, William Dougill, 80, said on Tuesday: "He is my only grandson. We are all going to miss him.

"Alexander had been with my daughter and her husband in Rio and was returning to school."

The schoolboy's Norwegian-born father, who works in the oil industry, and mother Jane are flying back to Britain, still awaiting news of the fate of the Air France plane, which disappeared over the Atlantic.

The pair were "devastated" after waving him off on Sunday after a two-week stay with them in Brazil.

He was due to call them by mobile phone after touching down at Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris and again at Heathrow.

The youngster kept in regular touch with his parents during term time via emails and mobile phone.

The couple, who have lived all over the world, were married in Jane's home town of Penarth, in 1990. They have a daughter, who is younger than Alexander.

Retired Mr Dougill, who lives in Penarth with wife Joyce (82), said he was in regular contact with Alexander's parents, hoping for news of flight AF447 which left Brazil on Sunday.

The couple travelled the world but wanted Alexander to be educated in Britain. He was a boarder at Clifton College Preparatory School in Bristol, where governor Alison Streatfield-James said it was an "utter tragedy".

She reported: "It's a sombre mood at the school today. All the children were informed in assembly and prayers were said. It's a terrible piece of news to break.

"Children are intelligent, they understand what has happened. All we can do is offer them support in an appropriate way."

Headmaster John Milne said: "Alexander was a well-liked and respected boarder who will be sorely missed by his fellow pupils and staff."

Fancy a cuppa with a copper in Peterston?

THE Peterston Super Ely neighbourhood police team will hold their first 'Cuppa with a Copper' surgery on Saturday, June, when PC Mark Goulding and PCSO Matt Smith will be at the village hall between 1pm-4pm.

PCSO Smith said: "This is our first surgery of its type in the village and by holding it over a Saturday afternoon, we hope to meet as many local residents as possible.

PC Mark Goulding is also the Vale's wildlife crime officer and will offer advice to the public on legislation relating to the treatment or control of wild animals.

ABOVE: PCSO Matt Smith.

THIRD CROSSING PLEA GETS THUMBS DOWN

A PLEA for a third pedestrian crossing in Cowbridge has been rejected by the Vale Council.

Cowbridge Town Council made the request in the wake of a row over plans to move the old zebra crossing from outside the Town Hall to a new location outside Jenny Wren – a short distance along High Street towards Westgate.

The plan, which also included changing the crossing to a pelican type controlled by lights, has now been implemented by the Vale Council, despite objections from traders and the town council.

During the debate, traders in Eastgate made a strong plea for the crossing to be moved towards their part of town to encourage shoppers to walk up that end.

The Vale Council refused to change its mind and went ahead with its original proposal. The Town Council then submitted a request for an extra crossing to be located by Penny Lane – as traders had requested.

However, in his reply, Miles Punter, head of Visible Services, said that the only location where a crossing could be located without removing a "significant" amount of on-street parking would be outside Filco.

He warned that a crossing there would prevent lorries servicing the supermarket and the other shops nearby.

Mr Punter added that the pavement on the opposite side of the road was too narrow to take the necessary poles that would be required by a crossing.

He asserted that the new pelican crossing nearby was being well used, which proved that there was a desire line at that location from shoppers, as the Vale Council had argued.

Even if the funding was available, he could not agree to the request.

He added: "I would very much hope that with the new crossing now functioning well, your members will accept that there is now sufficient pedestrian crossing provision within the area."

The Town Council noted the letter without further comment.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LLANBETHERY & LLANCARFAN

Your community correspondents are Sam & Patsie Smith on (01446) 751448

Irish night

THE Irish night was a great success, starting with some very colourful and talented dancers, followed by an excellent meal of sausages and colcannon (that's mashed potato with cabbage) and then entertainment from an Irish folk singer.

All in all, a very successful evening which produced much needed funds for the wall painting appeal.

Many thanks to Kay and Graham Brain and all those who helped to produce such lovely food.

Petanque

THE Ruth Watts memorial competition will take place at the Village Petanque Piste on Sunday, June 28 starting at 1.30pm. Entry is £1 per head with teams of three.

It will be a 'bring your own drink' day.

New incumbent

A PACKED Saint Cadoc's saw Dr Barry Morgan, Archbishop of Wales, license the Venerable Peggy Jackson as the new priest in charge of Penmark with Llancarfan and Llantrithyd last Monday, June 1.

Peggy will be responsible for the three parishes, in addition to her role as Archdeacon of Llandaff.

SPEED LIMITS ARE WELCOMED

COWBRIDGE Town Council has welcomed the decision by the Vale Council to introduce speed limits along Church Road.

The Vale Council is to bring in 40mph and 30mph restrictions along different parts of the road. At the moment, parts of it are 60mph.

Traffic surveys have revealed that within the section of road that has street lighting, which has a 30mph limit, 85 per cent of traffic travelled at about 35mph.

There are about 750 vehicles a day travelling along Church Road, with a tenth of them exceeding police thresholds for prosecution.

The council has recently decreased the speed limit on the Llantwit Major Road, from the end of the 30mph zone to Crossways Farm, from 60mph to 40mph and in the interests of road safety, officers felt it was appropriate to have a 40mph limit along the whole stretch to the Cross Inn junction.

Coun Gwen Baty said that this was a very good idea and had been a long time coming.

She proposed that the town council write to the Vale to support the proposal and this was agreed.

Council provide grant to help flower festival

A GRANT of £50 has been made by Cowbridge Town Council to Holy Cross Church, towards the cost of holding the flower festival, which will be raising money for the church restoration fund.

Cowbridge town councillors are to assist in distributing questionnaires to properties that fall within the town conservation area. The council has agreed to assist the Vale Council, which is consulting with the public over an appraisal and management plan for the conservation area.

Plans for a loft conversion at 17 High Street, Cowbridge, will be opposed by the town council – unless the proposed roof lights are not visible from the road. Councillors felt that roof lights would not enhance the conservation area.

***Vale** planners have granted consent for the old post office outbuildings at the Old Post Office, 61 Eastgate, to be demolished and replaced with four town houses with associated car parking and amenity space.*

Complaints about missing litter bins, in Cowbridge are being investigated by the Vale Council, town councillors have heard.

The Vale Council is still awaiting delivery of this year's supply of new litter bins, which will then be distributed.

A request from the Really Welsh company for the council to purchase daffodil bulbs grown on its sites in Wales was noted.

The company has complained that very few Welsh councils have supported it and many still buy their bulbs from Holland or England.

GRANT HELPS PROVIDE VILLAGE FACILITIES

Story of 'amazing transformation' of St Hilary's 'decrepit' village hall

ABOVE: Marian and David Hawkins outside the hall.

IT'S a classic 'chocolate box' Vale village scene – narrow and leafy village lanes, a 16th century thatched roof pub, a 12th century church and historic stone-built houses at every turn.

A horse-drawn carriage would fit snugly into the scene – and, in fact, visitors to picturesque St Hilary will often find themselves sharing the road with a pony and trap.

The casual visitor will sigh in admiration and wonder what could be missing from such a glorious gem of a village? Well, until recently, the missing piece in the jigsaw was a working village hall.

"It was damp, decrepit, veering towards derelict in places and didn't give anyone the slightest encouragement to use it," hall trustee David Hawkins admitted.

"Today, though, the story is so very different and we now have a village hall we can be proud to call our own."

The transformation has been sparked by a grant of £48,267 from CFAP – the Welsh Assembly Government's Community Facilities and Activities Programme: "I am glad to say the Welsh Assembly Government's money has been put to very good use," said Mr Hawkins.

"We now have a hall which has been transformed and is a huge asset to the local population of some 250 souls.

"The transformation has been amazing. When you walked into this hall before, you could smell, almost taste, the damp. It didn't encourage anyone to use it.

"Now it is fresh and alive. It has been given a new lease of life and the villagers are proud to able to use it to full advantage once again."

The renovation work on the St Hilary Hall included re-roofing the kitchen and toilet extension, damp-proofing, new internal walls, replastering and redecorating throughout and a new expanded entrance for disabled access.

"Happily, the standard of workmanship here has been high," said Mr Hawkins. "And the tongue-and-groove woodwork features inside the hall retain the building's original character.

"It has been a breath of fresh air for the village and it is now very busy, with everything from Women's Institute meetings to flower arranging clubs.

"The village community support police officer is able to hold meetings here and the kitchen is a huge asset, allowing us to stage many events.

"The hall - and the facilities it offers the whole village - plays an important role in developing that community spirit which binds us all. It is a huge asset to the village of St Hilary and I am sure it will go from strength to strength."

ROBERT LLOYD

Marketing plans aired

ADVANCE notice of plans to promote Cowbridge as a destination for shopping and eating out has been given to Cowbridge Town Council.

Coun Andy Banks, who represents the council on the Chamber of Trade, said that the chamber was looking into a number of ways of promoting and marketing the town.

He said that ideas being considered included employing a marketing graduate to promote the town as a special place.

He said that the chamber's website was being revamped to be bigger and better, and printed guides were also being proposed, plus a loyalty scheme with bar-coded vouchers to entitle the customer to a discount at all participating businesses.

Further details will be available when final decisions have been taken by the chamber and its members.

We trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

1 Timothy Ch4 V10 *(Cowbridge Christian Fellowship)*

Who is responsible for this rubbish-strewn town path?

THE Vale Council has been asked to investigate the ownership of a path which connects the cattle market car park and the school cricket field in Cowbridge.

The Town Council received a letter from Joan Maddocks of St Bleddian's Close, who stated that the area was now a general dumping ground for all sorts of rubbish – including the blue dog-poo bags.

She wrote: "This area has gradually become worse during the last two to three years, because no-one wishes to take responsibility in removing the glass and plastic containers, paint tins, supermarket bags, etc."

Nettles partially obscured the real amount of rubbish there.

"I feel strongly that if more rubbish bins could be placed where people take their dogs – apart from the well supplied High Street and Twt Park – it would be helpful. Also, more bins are needed on the cricket field and the rugby/athletic field so that people are encouraged to use them."

Coun Geoff Cox, who is a Vale councillor, commented that he had taken this up with the Vale and was seeking clarification about the ownership of the land in question.

Coun Andy Banks said he had raised these problems with the Vale in February, mentioning the blue bags and the Japanese knotweed – and he was told that they were dealing with it.

Prize-winning choir performs in town hall

THE Cylch Meithrin Y Bont-faen would like to thank everyone involved in the recent choral concert at the Town Hall in Cowbridge.

Cordydd performed a fantastic set during a fabulous evening.

The choir was led by Sioned James and accompanied by Lowri Evans.

Betsan Powys was the compere for the evening.

The concert was a great opportunity for the people of Cowbridge to hear the prizewinning choir, who were finalists in S4C's Cor Cymru.

Following the concert, many of the choir and audience moved on to the Edmondes Arms in Cowbridge, where the choir led a memorable evening.

The concert was the idea of Cowbridge resident Rhodri Jones, who worked incredibly hard to pull off a wonderful evening.

The committee would like to thank Rhodri and Blush Baby for selling tickets and Bleddyn Evans for the great posters.

Almost 100 tickets were sold, and all proceeds will go the Cylch Meithrin Y Bont-faen.

Cylch Meithrin plans to further develop the garden area at the Cylch Meithrin at the Broadshoard in Cowbridge.

Cylch Meithrin Y Bont-faen provides Welsh medium pre-school education for all children from the age of two. For further information, contact Amanda Boyd on 01446 776250.

TRACEY SIMPSON

ABOVE: Rhodri Jones, Sioned James, Emma Davies (Cylch fundraising officer and member of Cordydd).

The council will stay in town walls circle

COWBRIDGE with Llanblethian Town Council has decided to remain a member of the Walled Towns Friendship Circle, despite little activity taking place.

Coun Sue Cox said that the Charter Trust, which was renovating the town walls, was keeping in touch with them and she said that once the work on the walls had been completed, she hoped that firmer links could be established with other walled towns.

Coun Alan Thomas, who used to represent the council on that organisation, reported he had continued to receive information from them although he had not been the representative for some time.

He stated that the information should go to Coun Marian Arnold and Coun Sue Cox.

Coun Gwen Baty felt it was important to stay in touch with the Circle. "It was a great honour to be elected to this circle as we had so few walls. Some of the towns in it had wonderful town walls left.

"It would be wrong to let this go even if they don't meet very often."

The council should write to them and change the name of its representative so that information could go to the right person. This was agreed.

The meeting heard that the Circle has not met for two years.

Proving there's never a dull moment in lives of the Cowbridge Beavers!

WHAT does The Lord Mayor of Cardiff have in common with Dr Who? Both have been visited by 1st Cowbridge Beavers!

Ten children were invited, with other Beavers from the Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Scout area, to visit the Lord Mayor in the Mansion House to celebrate their achievement in gaining the Chief Scout's Bronze Award - the highest Scouting Award for Beaver Scouts.

They had taken part in activities as varied as campfire cooking, tracking, the country code and bike safety, making model castles and pottery, learning about tents on Indian streets and how to pitch one, and about Water Aid by playing water games.

They had shown improvement over several months in a skill, sport or hobby: football, swimming, karate, ballet, art, acting, piano and computer.

The Beavers have also enjoyed a visit to the Dr Who exhibition in Cardiff, where they admired the green screen, the costumes from several films, and the original scary creatures who inhabited them, such as the Daleks.

The Beavers have been working hard, raising money for charity. With the help of Cowbridge Fire Service, they took part in a car washing evening at the fire station and raised £130 for Water Aid. They finished off the evening by washing the fire engine!

A highlight in the Beaver colony is the term's sleepover in a Mongolian Yurt, kindly lent by Coed Hills Rural Artspace. The weather was sunny and warm and the Beavers walked to the Ramoth Chapel, played in the garden and made purses in which to hold their interpretations of the 10 commandments.

Later, they revelled in cooking their lunch over a fire, playing football with coach Clive Evans, hiding and finding paper Beavers in Mt Ida woods, and damming a stream. They had fire, water, mud, football and chocolate cake!

Beavers have recently visited Techniquest to carry out activities for their experiment badge, an exciting evening when Vale District Commissioner, Simon Miskin, came to teach them archery. It involved making bows and arrows and a visit from artist Rawley Clay, during which they enjoyed making an immense foot-painting covering the entire floor of the hall.

It is not only the children who have fun. The adults, while working hard, have great fun too. The 1st Cowbridge Scout group has superb facilities and thriving sections, from Beavers through Cubs and Scouts to the Vale Explorer Scouts.

However, the group still needs more leaders to cope with the numbers of children wishing to join – we have enough on the waiting list to open another Beaver colony if we had the leaders, and within the year we will have enough children to re-open the Buffalo Cub Pack.

Also, we need more adults to support the group with the administrative jobs, such as a Group Scout Leader and also people to help with equipment.

Anyone interested should telephone Gill Clay on 01446 773443.

ELAINE O'CONNOR

ABOVE: The Beavers with their bronze awards.

Calling all Cowbridge's green-fingered citizens

NEWLY-FORMED Transition Cowbridge, a group dedicated to sustainable living, is putting out an appeal to all keen gardeners in the community to step forward.

The group, part of a UK-wide initiative, is hoping to start a community vegetable garden in the Cowbridge area and is looking for volunteers to help with the project.

At a recent meeting, Katie Jones, Wales development worker for the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens, gave a presentation on community garden schemes in Wales.

She said that the interest in community growing was quite phenomenal and described several inspiring projects.

One of these is in Llangollen, where two women from the town identified an area of gorse land on a hillside, and self-funded a project transforming it into a community vegetable garden.

Another is in Mountain Ash, where an area used for fly tipping has been turned into a community growing area.

The Cowbridge group is currently identifying potential areas for the garden and is keen to start on the planting and cultivating as soon as possible.

Rob McGhee, of Transition Cowbridge, said:

"We're interested in hearing from people who can help with advice and tips, as well as with the physical work of digging the garden.

"It's part of the Transition philosophy of sharing skills and expertise within a community and bringing people together in a way that respects nature and the environment.

"This kind of project brings people together of all ages, backgrounds and occupations.

People learn new skills and improve their physical and mental health and well-being."

The project will be supported by the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens, who have seven support workers in Wales.

Anyone interested in supporting the Cowbridge Community Garden project should contact Rob McGhee of Transition Cowbridge on 01446 775686; or email transitioncowbridge@googlemail.com.

Plea for more physic garden signs deferred

A REQUEST from the Cowbridge Physic Garden Trust for improved signage has been deferred by Cowbridge Town Council.

The trust asked the town council to provide extra fingerpost arms on the existing signposts to direct people to the garden.

The trust said it would cost £220 plus VAT to add an arm to the sign by the town hall, with a similar cost for extra arms on the signposts at The Butts and The Limes.

The town hall committee, which initially discussed the request, recommended providing an extra arm to the post by the town hall.

However, at the full council meeting, Coun Alan Thomas said he had subsequently discovered that funding may be available from elsewhere.

Coun Sue Cox said that a sub-committee should be set up to explore alternative sources of funding and see what help may be available. Some money could be found from Creative Rural Communities.

Coun Cox added that whatever grant was available could be used to offset the cost to the council of providing these signs.

A second request from the trust to replace one of the town council's notice boards at the front of the town hall with one housing a town plan has been rejected.

The council say that the two existing notice boards, which are being replaced shortly, are both in constant use, with town council and other notices.

Old Cowbridge at work and play – in Cowbridge Museum

EVERYONE is welcome to come and see the collection of items reflecting the trades and occupations, many now disappeared, of Cowbridge people in earlier times in cell No. 2 of the museum.

These include a saddler, a shoemaker, a wheelwright (you can see a hub made for a 'Glamorganshire' wagon), and a mineral water manufacturer, represented by a varied collection of bottles.

Dressmaking was an important occupation for ladies, and on show is a measuring stick used in a dressmaking school in Eastgate.

Cowbridge Motors, founded by a Mr Maddox, ran a horse drawn vehicle to Cardiff before the First World War, later to be replaced by 'wagonettes', a charabanc and finally, a Ford omnibus christened 'Little Gem'...

Play was clearly as important as work. The railway ran special trains to Cowbridge races.

Some of the passengers would have been shocked to see the collapse and death of a working dray horse called *Daisy* after a race in 1919, recorded on a memorial stone in this cell. The railway died in 1950, and we have the very last ticket printed for its final journey. Death is also represented by a well-preserved bier.

On a lighter note, there are also memorabilia of the Ducal drinkers Sunday cricket league from 1946, a minstrel troupe from 1930, and of soccer and rugby teams from 1950.

New volunteers are welcome at the museum, located in the old House of Correction cells in the Town Hall; open from 10.30am-4pm on first Saturday of the month.

DAVID PIERCE

Smartie way to raise funds!

YOUNG people at the United Free Church in Cowbridge recently shared tubes of Smarties with older members of the congregation and asked if they could return the empty tubes with coins – so they could donate the money to two projects.

The £115 proceeds were shared between The Toybox Appeal and The African Children's Choir.

A £5,000 grant has been awarded by the Vale Centre for Voluntary Services, under Kick Start III to Noah's Place, towards its refurbishment.

EUROPEAN DAY GIVES ST NICHOLAS PUPILS A TASTE OF FOREIGN TRAVEL

On Friday, May 8 St. Nicholas School held a European Day, where the children learned about cultures and traditions in Spain, Portugal, Germany, Greece and France.

The day's organisation was overseen by Mrs Taylor Gibbs and Mrs Wiltshire, who assigned staff specific roles including: Mr Downey as the pilot and Mr Williams chief customs officer.

Additionally, Class 4 had written to all the embassies requesting information and resources.

The children had made their own passports and when they arrived at school on European Day, they were given boarding cards at a special check-in desk.

They then had to had proceed through passport control, before being seated in the school hall, which had been transformed into an aeroplane.

Each teacher transformed their classroom into one of these countries.

PowerPoint presentations were created and the children were given the opportunity to taste local foods like salami and cheese from Germany, and pate with sardines from Portugal.

They also learned about local customs and traditions like bullfighting in Spain and the story of Medusa in Greece.

Le Morris Café was also created and refreshments had to be requested in French.

Mr. Downey (Class 4 teacher) said:"A fantastic curriculum enrichment day was had by all, and the children gained a great deal of understanding of the cultures and traditions of our European neighbours."

JD

The pupils have a taste of foreign travel without leaving their school!

Town council news in brief

THERE is a vacancy on Cowbridge and Llanblethian Town Council following the resignation of Coun Mrs Audrey Harding.

Clerk Andrew Davies reported that he had received her letter of resignation and would ask for the appropriate legal notices declaring the vacancy to be issued.

If 10 electors request a by-election, one would have to take place. If not, the council can co-opt to fill the vacancy.

THE Citizens Award scheme in Cowbridge, being run by the Town Council, has not attracted many nominations as yet.

Residents are urged to nominate local people who have done voluntary work, either as individuals or as a group.

Nominations close tomorrow, Friday, and forms can be obtained from the town clerk's office between 9am-1pm daily.

The award will be presented at the Civic Sunday on July 12.

THE pathway between the car park and Cowbridge Comprehensive School has never looked so clean, according to Coun David Morris.

He said that he had seen the town's new street cleaner there picking up litter and felt he should be commended.

Coun Geoff Cox said he had also raised the previous litter-strewn state of the path at a school governors' meeting and pupils had undertaken a litter-pick there.

Inspector Mark Taylor said that the number of burglaries in Cowbridge had fallen to seven over the past three months, compared with 11 for the same period last year.

Over the past month, there had been three criminal damage incidents to cars – one in the car park, one in High Street and the other was a domestic incident.

He added that there had been some sporadic incidents of nuisance taking place but there was no pattern to them and the situation in the town was "pretty good."

Community council

THE following was discussed at the Llangan Community Council AGM business meeting on Monday, June 1 when County Councillor Ray Thomas was welcomed by the councillors.

The trustees of the community halls will remain the same as previous years: Llangan Community Hall – Couns M Hall, K Jones, A Thomas and J Vafidis.

Treoes Community Hall – R Thomas, J Mordecai and L Vafidis.

The ordinary council meeting began with a short talk by a community police officer based in Cowbridge.

Coun Keith Jones, who has performed his duties as council chairman admirably over the past year, received thanks before handing over to Coun Linda Vafidis, who will take over the chair for the coming year, and vice-chairman for the year is Coun R Arthur.

Planning applications

PLANNING permission has been approved for a detached garage at Ty Ellis, Treoes.

Permission was also approved for a two storey extension at the rear of 11 Brookside, Treoes.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Stables concern

SEVERAL residents of Llangan were said to be concerned regarding stables situated in the heart of the village.

The secretary to the council has been in consultation with the planning officer of the Vale Council regarding this matter.

Coun L Vafidis reported her concern that a vehicle is making excessive noise in the field behind her property during weekends.

She requested that the clerk to the council investigates with the Vale Council to ascertain if this is permitted.

Financial payments

SARON Chapel £120; St Canna's Church £250; SW Police £50; St Mary Hill and Llangan Community Hall £100; Treoes Brownies £50; Treoes Community Hall £100. Total £770.

In for a dig?

LLANGAN Community council invite you to register your interest in possible creation of allotments at the former tennis court site in Treoes.

Contact Coun James Mordecai by email: jamesmordecai@hrt.uk.com or by post: The Stables, Parc Newydd, Treoes, CF35 5DH.

The deadline is June 30.

Art exhibition

THE Cowbridge Art Society's summer exhibition and sale of paintings at Cowbridge Library in Old Hall Gardens, continues until June 30.

NFU Cymru meeting

DYLAN MORGAN, NFU Cymru deputy director and head of policy, will address Glamorgan NFU Cymru members at the Duke of Wellington public house, High Street, Cowbridge, this evening (Thursday) at 7.30pm.

He will report on plans for a new land management scheme and proposals for the electronic identification of sheep.

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RNLI fundraisers thank residents

THE RNLI fundraising branch would like to thank the people of Barry and Rhoose for their generosity and continued support this year.

Our two weeks of collecting around the houses from April 20-May 2 raised the magnificent amount of £3,278.47, an excellent result.

Again, this year the Barry Dock Lifeboat crew members will undertake the pubs and clubs collection later in the year.

The RNLI is a registered charity, which exists to save lives at sea.

It receives no funding from the government and relies on voluntary contributions for its income. This year it will cost around £125 million a year or £335,000 a day to run the lifeboat service.

Last year, our volunteer lifeboat crews – often in difficult and dangerous circumstances – rescued over 8,000 people.

The calls come at any time of the day or night, at any of our 230 lifeboat stations.

A big thank you must go to all those who supported us – and to all the fundraisers who gave their time to collect; without this help, we could not continue.

We need your support, not only with your donations, but help with fundraising,.

If you can spare time to help us, please contact me on 01446 734888.

Jennie Williams (Barry fundraising secretary)

'Spare us this rural vandalism'

JUST when our Vale country lanes are looking their prettiest, with cow parsley, buttercups, bluebells, campian and wild garlic flowering, along comes the council's verge-cutter and scythes the whole lot down to ground level.

It won't be long before our hedgerows are butchered once again. Is this act of rural vandalism really necessary and who does it benefit?

Must we have this repeated year after year?

Does anyone know how it can be stopped, or, at the very least, delayed by a month or two?

This is one area of public spending cuts that I could happily support.

Eric E Cooke, Flemingston

THE COLUMN YOU WRITE

Readers' Letters

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'MISLEADING FIGURES AND TRANSPARENCY

IT'S good that John Smith MP believes in full transparency and has never profited from his expenses claims.

His wraparound report in The GEM of April 23, clearly stated it's an 'information publication' funded by his 'communications allowance'.

The issue is not transparency, but whether misleading spin and self-promotional publicity should be supported from parliamentary funds.

Mr Smith still writes of £12 billion investment at St Athan, despite most of this PFI contract going on salaries and running costs over the 25 to 30 years. The Metrix figure given at the exhibition meeting (March 30) was £0.7 billion and 40 per cent of that is for the housing.

He writes of 'over 20,000 students' each year. Yet the Metrix document says – 2,500 students, apparently based on 40 per cent of those enrolled, attending the other nine learning centres for 60 per cent of their courses (lasting six weeks to 18 months).

Evidently it's a relatively small training college and would not be up and running till 2014/15.

Jobs in construction are given as 800 average. So how could Mr Smith proclaim this to be a 'recession-buster'?

Is it not misuse of the "communications allowance" to give constituents the mythical figures of two years ago, rather than realistic ones, with the project team's up-to-date estimates?

Max Wallis, Penarth

'BNP does not hate anyone'

ROB CURTIS misleads your readers (The Gem, May 21) in his attempts to smear the British National Party.

Unable to find anything substantial to criticise in the BNP's election literature, he resorts to invented words and phrases to try to misrepresent what the BNP stands for.

I would point out that the BNP does not 'hate' anyone, and believes in democracy and free speech. It is totally opposed to the type of dictatorial and expansionist regimes alluded to by Mr Curtis.

Our parents and grandparents fought the Second World War to defend our people and our nation against foreign invasion.

Now the land they knew and fought for is being destroyed by mass immigration and economic globalisation, which have been imposed by successive British governments on the British people, without their permission.

A vote for the BNP on June 4, will send a message to the political establishment in Westminster and Brussels that enough is enough: mass immigration into our overcrowded land must be stopped: British workers are entitled to British jobs, and the British people - Welsh, English, Scottish and Irish, are entitled to a permanent homeland that they can call their own.

Laurence Reid, Sigingstone (BNP Euro election candidate)

DISABLED PARKING

I FULLY agree and appreciate the letter in The GEM, on May 21, concerning disabled parking.

I have arthritis and have had both knees replaced.

Getting in and out of a car is very difficult, especially when young people take up disabled spaces and one is forced to park, as your reader stated, over two normal places.

Please think before you shout!

(Name and address supplied)

'Politics is all about obeying the party line'

I AM pleased to note that Glyn David of Llanmaes (GEM letter last week) takes so much interest in the movements of the Llantwit First Independents – of course, he must have a boring life being a member of the Conservative Party.

However, he failed to mention that Dave and Molly Lane jumped ship to join the Conservatives after winning their election as members of Llantwit First Independents, the group who paid their election expenses.

The reason for this, as I reported in The GEM, was the fact that Dave Lane failed to be selected to stand for the Vale Council elections by the membership of Llantwit First Independents.

Mr David also refers to my movements: Yes I supported the Referendum Party in 1997, in seeking a vote for the people to decide on the future of the UK in Europe. After all, the people have never had the chance to decide on where our future lies in Europe, since the vote to join the Common Market in 1975, and it is time people were given the choice.

The big mistake I made was to join the Conservative Party in time to win the Vale Council elections for them in 1999.

I stood to represent the people of the Llantwit Major ward, and not to be forced by a party whip to vote for issues I did not support.

Yes, that is what politics is all about, obeying the party line, and of course filling your back pocket with expenses.

I was delighted to be a founder member of Llantwit First Independents; many others followed and we have grown from strength to strength. Other areas in the Vale are now forming Independent groups as a result of our lead; it should be interesting at the next Vale election.

I work for the people, not for political parties and I am proud to be a Llantwit First Independent, I sense a tone of bitterness in Mr David's letter. Maybe that arises from the fact that he lost two elections heavily to Llantwit First candidates and has now retired to lick his wounds.

Coun Gwyn John, Llantwit Major

Battle goes on for cinema

SO much suspense surrounds the future of the Theatre Royal cinema at Barry.

If Alfred Hitchcock were still alive, I am sure he would be looking at all the elements (which are too complex to enter into in this letter) as the basis for his next production.

The latest scene to be played out concerns surveyors on site and the possibility of the cinema having to make way for yet another residential development.

Save Our Cinema Association (SOCA) has been trying to gain information from the landowners and his solicitor, but to date nothing has been forthcoming.

Interest from two cinema operators has been made known to SOCA group members and we remain committed to wanting the Theatre Royal re-opened for all to enjoy.

We are not yet ready to let the end credits roll!

PA Sutton, Barry

Still no action on a pool for town

WE hear much from career politicians and councillors about their civic duties, fundraising, tea parties – and, of course, our Cowbridge town wall and civic garden – but nothing about a long-awaited swimming pool for Cowbridge.

They haven't the will to make any progress; and what about the plight of pedestrians in The Limes road, some in wheelchairs and or invalid scooters?

Traffic takes over and heaven help anyone who cannot get out of the way.

Councillors make excuses for doing nothing. For most of them only the town hall matters – not even safety of children making their way to school.

Compulsory purchase of the dormant land to enable improvements to the narrow road and to create a footpath, doesn't enter their self-satisfied minds.

Wake them up! No chance!

Gordon E Deaves, Cowbridge

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Llantwit Major junior football gets £8,000 power station boost

Aberthaw Power Station's donation to Llantwit Major Junior Football Club will be matched by the Sports Council of Wales. Celebrating are: (back row, from left) Neil Wear, club manager for under-10 team; Gwyn John, club secretary; Clive Smith, Aberthaw Power Station manager and Geraint Spargo, club manager for under-10 team and unit operator at the power station. Front row, from left: Dylan White, Alex Wear, Tom Spargo, and Adam Mackeprang.

ABERTHAW Power Station has helped Llantwit Major Junior Football Club secure funds for the next five years following a recent deal.

"The power station has agreed to sponsor the club and its support has been Sportsmatched by the Sports Council of Wales.

"Over five years, this totals £8,000 for the club that has around 250 boys and girls playing in 18 teams, ranging from under-8 to under-16s," said secretary Gwyn John.

"This generous support enables us supply kit, fund the training of the coaches and to purchase training equipment," he added.

"Llantwit Major Junior Football Club is a very worthy cause and one, we as a business, are pleased to support," said Aberthaw Power Station manager Clive Smith. "Many local children benefit from being a member of the club."

AMs press minister to release cash for Penarth pier pavilion

ASSEMBLY Members Lorraine Barrett and Chris Franks recently hosted a visit to Penarth Pier Pavilion by the Assembly Government's Heritage Minister, Alun Ffred Jones.

They met trustees of Penarth Arts and Crafts Limited which is working with the Vale Council and the pavilion project to seek funding to restore the historic building.

The trustees are currently preparing a new bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund and Plaid AM Chris Franks said:

"The state of the building was a real eye opener, but the potential for it to become a first class centre for the whole community was also obvious. There are exciting plans for this building which could include a restaurant, a visitor centre, a maritime museum, meeting room, auditorium/cinema and multi-purpose arena."

Pictured are: Maggie Knight (project director), Chris Franks AM, Alun Ffred Jones AM (Heritage Minister), Coun Rhodri Traherne, Lorraine Barrett AM, Bryan Alcock (PACL trustee).

Lorraine Barrett AM added: "I am delighted that the Minister was able to meet with the local organisations that are working to restore the Pier Pavilion building.

"I hope that we can identify sources of funding from the Assembly Government that may be able to contribute towards the regeneration of the Pavilion, which will benefit the community of Penarth – and also play an important part in the regeneration of the whole of the esplanade."

Is end in sight at last to the Major Music/ Council saga?

THERE may be an end in sight for the wrangle between Major Music and the Vale Council over the use of Llantwit Major Youth Club.

The organisation, which works with children in the town, has been forced to vacate the premises since summer, because of problems in drawing up a new agreement with the Vale Council.

Instead, it has been using premises in St Athan, but children who cannot get there have had to miss out.

Attempts to get a new agreement between the organisation and the council have dragged on, with parents criticising the long delay.

But Dave Prosser, head of lifelong learning services at the Vale, has now told The GEM that he hopes a new licence agreement can be agreed soon.

In a statement, he said: "A licence agreement has been drafted and discussions between the trustees of Major Music and officers of the council will be arranged soon to discuss, and hopefully agree, the document."

Parents have argued that the children should have been allowed to remain at the youth centre while the new agreement was being drawn up.

Carolyn Risby, who is a trustee, said that Major Music was a big part of the community.

"The youngsters of Llantwit rely on this brilliant facility as a way of learning and mixing with other youngsters who have a similar interest to themselves."

She said that promises have been made over the months by the Vale that they would be able to return to their original premises.

She urged the council to let the children go back immediately.

"At present, we are ferrying the youngsters to the West Camp community centre, which has been kindly donated by the Welsh Guards. This is a marvellous facility, but one that some youngsters have difficulty getting to.

"We need to get these youngsters back into their proper environment and the sooner the better. A perfectly good sound recording studio is standing unused at the youth centre."

TEA PARTY HELD FOR PENARTH HOSPICE

LOCAL Marie Curie Cancer Care fundraisers, Claire Notman and Helen Griffiths, last week launched the charity's Blooming Great Tea Party.

Together with Penarth hospice volunteer, Kath Catris, they are trying to encourage local people to hold their own tea party between June 12-July 12, to raise money for the hospice.

"All tea parties, however big or small, will help more Marie Curie Nurses to provide free care for terminally ill patients and their families," they said.

Further details on 08700 340 040 or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk /teaparty for fundraising pack.

ABOVE: Helen Griffiths and Claire Notman with Kath Catris, Marie Curie hospice, Penarth volunteer.

Who wants to star in Oliver?

WITH auditions imminent for the production later this year of *Oliver,* Stage Door 1 is holding a 'meet and greet' on Saturday, June 6, at Llantwit Major Town Hall, from 1pm-2pm.

Mike Peters, the director, will go through the synopsis and characters in *Oliver* and there will be a chance to practice some lines.

Auditions will take place on Wednesday, June 24 from 5pm and, if needed, Saturday, June 27, from 1pm-3pm. *Telephone Mike on 07904 009358 for full details.*

There are tickets left for the charity evening in aid of St Illtyd's Church and Aplastic Anaemia Society, on Saturday, June 20, at 7pm in St Donats Arts Centre. They are available on 07904 009358 or Stage Door 1 Fancy Dress and Party Shop, Poundfield, Llantwit Major. Cost £5.

'Tackle the bus shelter vandals' – councillor urges

'MINDLESS vandalism of local bus shelters has prompted Coun Rob Curtis to call on the Vale Council to start a campaign.

He won the support of the economy and environment committee to reveal the appalling cost of bus shelter vandalism to Vale tax payers.

The committee also backed his motion to send council highways officers into all local secondary schools to show young people the cost of vandalism to them and their parents, the Gibbonsdown ward councillor said.

"I believe the general public are sick and tired of seeing bus shelter windows getting smashed, especially as to replace each one costs an average of £300 of their hard-earned taxes.

"More than £21,619 was spent on repairing bus shelters after vandalism and graffiti attacks. This is money that could have been spent on other vital Council services instead of wasting it.

"Vandalism of our bus shelters is not a victimless crime. Why should hard working people and elderly people have to stand in the cold and rain because of these mindless attacks?

"I hope the cabinet will support the committee's recommendation to send Council Highways officers into our Secondary schools to explain to local children the consequences of bus shelter vandalism," he added.

Coun Curtis urged residents to telephone Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111 if they see any one attacking the shelters.

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TOP CHARITY VOLUNTEER WHO READ IT IN THE GEM

GEM reader Marlene Wheeldon of Llantwit Major has a special reason for supporting National Volunteer Week (June 1-7) as a volunteer for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Marlene, who has a daughter and two grandsons is originally from Shrewsbury. She has lived in Llantwit Major for 10 years, after she and husband Frank moved around the UK throughout their working lives.

They had lived in Llantwit many years previously before deciding to come back to the Vale to enjoy their retirement.

Marlene, a keen gardener and a member of the Llantwit Major Pantomime Society, read an article in The GEM last November advertising an opportunity to set up a fundraising group to raise funds for The Marie Curie hospice, at Penarth.

She recalls: "I read the piece in the paper, turned to Frank and said I can do that".

Within hours, she had rustled up a small but trustworthy group of friends, gave Frank strict instructions to call the local fundraising office where he spoke to Karen Jones, the fundraising manager to arrange a date for the ladies to come along to the hospice.

Within a couple of weeks, the newly-formed Llantwit Major fundraising group were up and running; they arranged their first event-a coffee morning, which raised close to £800.

Marie Curie Cancer Care is the main charity that she supports, referring the hospice in Penarth as 'a wonderful, peaceful place.

After personal experiences with cancer, it is a cause that deeply touches her heart. A close friend was cared for and sadly passed away at the hospice just over two years ago.

She cannot speak highly enough of the care her friend received whilst there, calling the nurses who looked after her 'such special people'.

Marlene in her garden.

Since November 2008 the group have successfully organised two coffee mornings raising more than £1,000 for the hospice. The ladies have also taken part in street collections during the Great Daffodil Appeal.

The group are currently organising their next project which will take place on June 20, when the ladies are dressing up as milk maids for the Victorian fayre day in Llantwit town centre.

PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB NEWS

IT prediction that proved Peter right

FUTUROLOGISTS have a tough job trying to predict developments in IT (*Information Technology*) but it never stops them trying.

Normally, we hear about the ones they got right while the failed dreams are quietly buried. Peter is made of sterner stuff. Before he embarked upon an update of progress to members of Penarth Computer Club, he examined the predictions he made on previous visits.

In 2002, he was working in product development for a mobile phone company. He bought and tested any relevant new product and the department he ran was known as 'The Playpen'. He was able to let members handle the first camera phones in the country.

In spite of some scepticism on their part, he assured members that camera-phones would be popular and use would spread dramatically. Was he right?

Last year, there were 553 million picture messages in the UK alone. That's 1,500,000 each day. He claimed a big tick for that prediction! Granted.

In 2007, he told us about the digital revolution about to explode. BT were launching a fully digital phone service with Wick, in the Vale, being the first in the world.

Half of the UK would be covered by 2009. It would be a quiet revolution if all went smoothly as planned. Quiet it was. A revolution it wasn't.

What happened? Nothing. Everything became too difficult or too expensive. On that prediction he gave himself a big fat Zero! Also granted.

As he had scored 50 per cent, Peter suggested that everything else he was about to say should be taken with an appropriately sized pinch of salt. (If only others could be so modest!)

He then talked about the six big technologies that would decide what the future holds.

Displays are improving all the time and high definition is bringing more and better information to everyone. No problem there.

Memory is becoming cheaper and more compact. As a result, inexpensive memory is finding its way into more and more product around the home and into everyday items. The physical size of transistors and the connections between them is shrinking and more of them can be packed into a progressively smaller space.

For years, the price of a processor has stayed the same while the memory capacity and speed has doubled every 18 to 24 months. Phones can also operate as MP3 players and provide games to play. They cost around £100 and hold 8Gb of memory.

By 2027, says Peter, the same money will buy you a device with 65,000Gb and be able to hold as much music as you could listen to in a lifetime.

The processor itself is getting the same benefits as memory so will become as powerful as any of today's personal computers by about 2020.

The battery he described as the Achilles heel in all this development. They might hold things back. However, 'Beltway' batteries are being tried. If they work, it could be possible to recharge a battery in seconds rather than hours.

Connections will always be necessary and work is under way to improve the wireless connections and to 'roll out' fibre optics to allow faster and expanding digital traffic.

Keyboard input will be supplemented by other methods such as Touch- screens, Accelerometers; Tilt meters, Global Positioning Systems and more.

Then the members were treated to a run-through of the sorts of things that form part of the great wave of change that is already under way. More about that next time.

Penarth Computer Club next meets on Tuesday, June 9 at 7.30pm in All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth. Mike will talk about home video – shooting, editing and showing.

Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information telephone 029 2070 8439.

Call for volunteers

DURING Volunteers' Week (June 1-7) the Prince's Trust Cymru is urging local residents to help young people turn their lives around.

The youth charity is seeking volunteers from all ages and backgrounds to help its business programme.

This was launched last year in Wales by Prince Charles and helps unemployed 18-30-year-olds who are struggling to get their foot on the career ladder.

One young person who has benefited from the business programme is Darren Rees, 23, from Cowbridge. He has been given a grant to help him get his web design business, Firebox UK Ltd, off the ground, which will help other companies make their websites easier to use.

Darren said:"I had begun to give up hope of being able to pursue a career in web design and had even worked in a kitchen for a year – just to make ends meet.

"I'm extremely grateful to the Prince's Trust for all the support they have given me to enable me to start my own web design business in Cowbridge."

Anyone interested in volunteering for the trust can call 01443 685685.

Vale Magistrates Court

NICHOLAS COLIN HARBIN (22) of Elizabeth Avenue, Barry, admitted damaging a car and assaulting a woman on March 25 in the town.

He was given a conditional discharge for six months, ordered to pay compensation of £210.71, fined £50 and told to pay £15 costs.

YOUSEF BENJAMIN WOOLCOCK (25) of Laura Street, Barry, admitted possession of a quantity of amphetamine, and cannabis resin, both Class B drugs.

He was fined £65 and told to pay costs of £15. The drugs will be destroyed.

DEAN ANTHONY THOMAS (26) of Gateholm Close, Barry, admitted drink driving in the town on May 4.

Magistrates heard that he was driving a Vauxhall Astra along Barry docks Link Road when he was stopped, and a breath sample showed 72 micrograms of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath.

He was sent to prison for four months, because it is a fifth offence in 10 years.

Magistrates ordered a four-year ban from driving.

DAVID THOMAS GRUNEWALD of Hill Crest, Brynna, Llanharan, was found guilty of carrying out farriery in October 2008 when not registered properly under the 1975 act. He was fined £250, and must pay costs of £750 and £15.

CHRISTOPHER JOHN HARDY (19) of Bullfinch Road, St Athan, admitted damaging a glass pane window on April 8.

He was given a conditional discharge for six months.

Magistrates ordered him to pay compensation of £100, and told him to pay £60 court costs.

JORDAN LEE HALL (22) of Sandygate Terrace, Bradford, admitted damaging the shop doorway of Royal Café in Barry on May 18.

He was fined £200, and must pay court costs of £80.

Rockie (and Swift) need a home

The GEM has joined forces with the Dogs Trust to find caring new owners for animals at its Bridgend Rehoming Centre *(Telephone 01656 725219)*

THIS week, a spokeswoman at the rehoming centre highlights Rockie, a three-year-old Boxer-cross, and Swift, a Whippet-cross.

"Rockie is a super lad, who is very friendly and lots of fun. He absolutely adores his food and his toys, and is also very affectionate and enjoys a cuddle.

"He is suitable with children aged around eight years and over, as he is quite big and bouncy, and he may be OK with younger children if they are robust and used to dogs.

"Rockie would like a family home, with owners who have some experience of dogs.

"He will make a really entertaining and rewarding companion."

Rockie and some of his friends are on the trust website, at www.dogstrust.org.uk, (click on Rehoming).

ROCKIE.

"Swift is an eight-month-old Whippet Cross. She is a lovely young dog, and is very friendly, and likes spending time with other dogs.

"She can be a little bit sensitive at times, as she lacks confidence, so she will enjoy continued socialising along with her further basic training to build up her confidence.

"She is very lively, so she will need an active owner who can give her plenty of exercise. She is suitable with children aged eight years and over who are used to dogs.

"She can live with other dogs, but we are not sure what she's like with cats. She'll suit someone who has owned dogs before."

If you would like more information on Rockie, Swift – or any of the other dogs who are looking for a good home, visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, or telephone 01656 725219.

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'More to the Gurkhas' issue than well-meaning campaigners realise'

THE question of the right of Gurkha ex-servicemen to resettlement in the UK has become an emotive and, sadly, a political matter.

The natural sense of fair play will have directed the average Briton to unquestionably support the Gurkhas' rights, and nearly all of the letters published in your columns fully bear this out.

The bandwagon fronted by Joanna Lumley has gained considerable momentum. But is the matter as straightforward as it might appear?

Firstly, let us take a look at the background to the Gurkhas' association with the British Army.

During the period of British rule in India, it was only natural that our army of occupation should seek reliable reinforcements from a more local source.

What could be more convenient than to call upon the little men from India's near neighbour Nepal; and what more natural than that the man from this warrior nation should seek to improve his lot by offering his services?

But the Gurkha did not come as a ready-made soldier. He was simply the raw material from which a fully-trained soldier could be made. In fact, he was a mercenary.

The rejection rate from the hundreds of volunteers was extremely high. But once accepted, the Gurkha soldier would be highly honoured in his native village and when he returned, his small pension would be one of comparative riches.

But whatever his fighting qualities, in any action he has always been led by British officers of exceptional leadership ability.

I was privileged to serve during World War II as part of a fine Indian Division, which included Gurkhas, and I have seen them from what they are; disciplined, courageous, adaptable, and unquestionably loyal to their adopted queen and country.

In North Africa and Italy, where I served, there were three Indian Infantry divisions, each with three battalions of 1,000 Gurkhas, making a total of 9,000 in this theatre alone.

I have no idea how many were serving in the far east, but it is safe to assume that this number could at least be doubled and possibly trebled. Say a minimum of 20,000 in all.

If given the right to settle in this country, although few would ever have visited these shores, all of these would be eligible.

But of course like their British counterparts, age has taken its toll. Nevertheless, there must be several thousand aged Gurkhas still surviving who would qualify for settlement here.

They must have the same rights as those who have been based in our country and who have served in more recent conflicts.

But why stop at the Gurkhas? What about the thousands of Indians who served alongside them in the defence of this country?

To a Gurkha's family, from a mountain village somewhere in the Himalayas, life in Britain would be as unnatural as life on the moon.

It is also a fact that those Gurkhas who have served in this country since World War II have themselves not really experienced civilian life here either.

The Army is largely a closed community. They will have been mainly pre-occupied with training camps and ceremonial duties based in barracks.

So before joining the protest, the well-meaning but mostly ignorant people of our country would do well to consider the implications.

These overcrowded islands are already trying to assimilate groups of people from other nations, who have no intention of becoming part of our culture and who are placing ever-increasing demands to meet their own perceived rights.

The acceptance of the Gurkha soldier's right to residence here would create just such another community with similar rights and demands.

Joanna Lumley's campaign may be entirely sincere, but does it really owe anything to reality? Would resettlement in the British Isles be fair either to the Gurkha families or to our nation as a whole? Surely there must be another way to reward their service to our country?

It is not a simple matter of fair play. Having just returned from what will possibly be my last visit to the British and Commonwealth cemetery in Cassino in Italy where I paid my tribute, with other veterans, to the large section of Gurkha dead there, I am probably able to appreciate the value of the Gurkha more than most of your correspondents. However, that doesn't prevent me from seeing the difficulties that settlement here might pose.

JIM MORGAN,
Llantwit Major

Barrians who served in Second World War to be honoured in exhibition

THIS September sees the 70th anniversary of the start of the Second World War, that enormous conflict which claimed the lives of 370,000 Britons.

Events will be held the length and breadth of the United Kingdom, and Barry will play its part in commemorating the sacrifice made, and the service given, by its men and women all those years ago.

To remember the role that the people of Barry and the surrounding areas played in the defeat of Germany and Japan, local military historian Dr Jonathan Hicks will be staging a two-week long exhibition at Arts Central in Barry Library.

Dr Hicks says: "On display in Arts Central will be the material I have collected over the past few years on the role that Barrians played in the Second World War. I have interviewed military, naval and air force veterans, civilians who experienced the bombing of Barry and have spoken with merchant seamen sunk by German u-boats.

"As a result, I have numerous photographs and written accounts, which will form the basis of a thought-provoking display that will be of great interest to the people of Barry.

"Thousands of local people attended the two large scale exhibitions at Barry Memorial Hall in 2007 and 2008, on the role that Barrians played in the two world wars of the last century.

Both were extremely successful and raised funds for the upkeep of Barry's Roll of Honour.

"The display at Arts Central will allow me to display the whole range of information I have collected, and for a longer period than just a one-day exhibition.

"Barry, as we are all aware, is a town without a museum. There is no venue for a permanent display of such material and with this important anniversary fast approaching it is incumbent on us to commemorate the courage that male and female Barrians showed during those years.

"The Second World War is also part of the national curriculum in primary and secondary schools, so the opportunity to teach our children what happened from 1939-1945 as it affected Barry and Barrians should not be missed."

The following sections will be displayed: The RAF, The Army, The Royal Navy, The Merchant Navy, Women's Contribution, The Barry Blitz.

"The exhibition will open on Saturday, September 12, and will run for two weeks. I will be in attendance on Saturdays and very much look forward to engaging with the public and collecting yet more stories," Dr Hicks added.

He expressed his gratitude to Tracey Harding, arts development manager of the Vale Council, for facilitating this exhibition.

Brooke Hospital coffee morning

THE Brooke Hospital for Animals' Vale supporters' group will hold a coffee morning on Thursday, June 11, from 10.30am-12.30pm, at Llantrithyd House, Llantrithyd.

Entry £2.50, including coffee and biscuits; home produce, cake stall, raffle. Proceeds go to the Brooke Hospital for Animals.

Contact Alex Rees on 01446 781286, or Joy Rees on 01446 781955 for further details.

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The devolution debate, hosted by the All Wales Convention, is set to visit the Vale of Glamorgan to sound people out about their opinions on future law-making options for the National Assembly for Wales.

The Convention is a totally independent and impartial body, chaired by Sir Emyr Jones Parry. It was established to analyse the arguments for, and against, extra powers for the National Assembly. The public consultation is now open.

Sir Emyr Jones Parry, Chair of the All Wales Convention, said, "This is a chance for the people of the Vale of Glamorgan to join in the devolution debate. It's important everyone gets his or her voice heard. We're here to listen, whether opinions are in favour of more law-making powers for the Assembly or against it. Come and tell us what you think."

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VALE MP FIGHTS FOR HIS REPUTATION AFTER EXPENSES ALLEGATIONS

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

VALE MP John Smith is under attack after a newspaper story alleging that he had claimed almost £58,000 over four years, without submitting receipts.

The allegation related to Mr Smith's Additional Costs Allowance (ACA), which covers the extra costs incurred by an MP as a result of living in London.

MPs typically claim between £20,000 and £23,000 on this account, and Mr Smith is no exception.

The Telegraph, which is in possession of a leaked CD, wrote that he was paying rent of "up to £560" per month – but had produced no other receipts for the four years from 2004/05 to 2007/08.

Instead, it was alleged that Mr Smith had produced monthly 'round figures' for food (£400), cleaning (£250), telephone bills (£250), and utility bills (£250).

The allegations led to a call from the Plaid Cymru candidate for the Vale, Dr Ian Johnson, that Mr Smith should step down as an MP. (*Mr Smith has already indicated that he will not be defending his seat at the next general election on health grounds).*

Dr Johnson said: "I was flabbergasted to discover that John Smith had claimed nearly £60,000 in four years without putting forward a receipt, using a loophole to claim the maximum that required no proof of actual expenditure.

"This is just two weeks after he told the local papers in Barry that he 'never exploited the system of MPs' allowances'.

"He has already made the choice to step down at the next general election, but this news means that he must leave the job immediately, rather than hanging on as a lame duck for up to another year."

The GEM contacted Mr Smith's office and asked five questions.

1/ Does Mr Smith dispute the claim that he submitted no receipts during the four-year period?

2/ Mr Smith had a cost advantage by choosing to rent and not buy. It was £5,000 – £6,000 cheaper per year. However, by the end of the year, he ends up spending as much on his ACA as other MPs. Any comment?

3/ Has he claimed round figures each month on things like food and cleaning? What about when the house is in recess?

4/ When he publishes the accounts, will that include the Additional Costs Allowance, the Incidental Expenses Provision, and Communications Allowance?

5/ Mr Smith's statement refers to "inaccuracies" in the Telegraph report. Can you give any details on that?

Mr Smith issued the following statement and at his request, we are printing this in full:

His spokesman stated: "Mr Smith is devastated and repudiates allegations that he has exploited the parliamentary expenses system following an article in the Sunday Telegraph; which has appeared since he announced his retirement on health grounds two weeks ago.

"Historically, Mr Smith has been one of the lowest claimants of parliamentary expenses. He does not own a second home, he has never claimed for any luxury goods and all the money he has claimed over the years has gone towards meeting the cost of living and working in London and not for personal gain.

"Mr Smith is committed to transparency and will publish his expenses in full, as soon as is practicable."

The statement continued:

"A number of allegations were made in the Sunday Telegraph which he did not have an opportunity to respond to.

"Mr Smith was accused of claiming Additional Cost Allowance between 2004 and 2008 without submitting receipts.

"Under the rules at the time, no receipts were required and all Mr Smith's claims were cleared by the Commons authority and were within the existing rules .

"Contrary to what was alleged in the newspaper article, in July 2007, when the Commons authority wrote to Mr. Smith informing him that he could no longer continue to claim in this way, he immediately changed his claims to meet the new requirements.

"In April 2008, Mr Smith moved to an unfurnished bedsit in Pimlico and purchased some modestly-priced items of furniture, including a table and two chairs and a sofa bed, and submitted receipts as required under further rule changes.

"Not all the items on the receipts referred to in the newspaper article were claimed for.

"Contrary to what was said in the Telegraph, it is untrue that Mr Smith submitted a bill for legal costs over a dispute with the landlord over his constituency office. In actual fact, this was a standard commercial charge for drawing up a lease.

"It seems that political opponents in the Vale are trying to damage Mr Smith's reputation by linking the timing of his retirement announcement with the expenses furore.

"Nothing could be further from the truth – Mr Smith has been advised by his doctor not to stand for re-election and he is following that advice."

WHAT'S ON

Vineyard opens to public

THE Glyndwr Vineyard and garden at Llanblethian will be open to the public under the National Garden Scheme on Sunday (June 7) at 2pm-6pm.

It will be providing teas, proceeds of which go to Diabetes UK, and llamas are an added visitor attraction!

For further information, telephone 01446 774564.

Charity concert

THERE will be a concert in aid of Cancer Research UK by Cardiff Bach Choir, in All Saints Church, Penarth, on Saturday, June 13, at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available from members of the choir, the Cancer Research shop in Penarth and at the door on the night, price £7.

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GEM reporter goes on the trail of 007 in Barry

THE name's Isaac – JAYNE ISAAC...and I carried out an undercover assignment for The GEM *(*not 'M'*)* **recently.**

My mission was to attend the James Bond Gala night held at the Mount Sorrel Hotel in Barry. Guests were greeted by the sight of a fantastic navy blue Aston Martin DB9 parked in the drive. It even had an 007 number plate – although in this case an added zero made it treble 0 rather than double 0.

The car belonged to Cardiff businessman Gary, who was there with his partner Lynne. He was asked to bring the car along to add to the 'Bondness' of the event.

Everyone joined in the spirit of the night with the men in tuxedos and the women dressed to kill – rather than licensed to do so!

There was even one man with a sinister air who stroked a white toy cat throughout the evening!

Everyone was welcomed with a martini cocktail – shaken not stirred of course – and we all got into the mood with Bond film themes played on the sound system and Bond posters all over the walls. The dining room was beautifully decorated and each table had a theme.

From Russia with Love had a bottle of Smirnoff and a Russian doll, while *Octopussy* had a large glass bowl with an octopus in it – not a real one!

Dr Bob, *aka* Bob Armstrong, who has a shop in Barry, helped decorate the room and provided all the balloons – mostly gold to add that *Goldfinger* touch to the event.

The meal was fabulous – with all the courses also themed.

There was an *Octopussy* starter of seafood, including octopus and crab. The main course was Licence to Roast with a choice of beef, pork or a vegetarian option and the dessert was appropriately named *Die another Day* – it was a chocolate box of Belgian chocolate mousse and chocolate caramel, plus a fresh strawberry dipped in chocolate and decorated with a hint of gold.

During the meal, there was entertainment from close up magician Andrew Richards, (real name Andrew Ware) who dazzled everyone with his sleight of hand.

There was also a disco with Paul Grayson and a touch of *Casino Royale* provided by Sean Smith of Hire 4, who set up a roulette table and blackjack which people could play for fun – all adding to the ambiance.

Indeed, the only thing missing was a downhill ski-ing sequence or the obligatory underwater encounter with a shark!

The event was well supported with many of the High Street traders and other business people in Barry attending.

A raffle with some stunning Bond-themed prizes – including a signed picture of Bond girl Caroline Munro – was organised with the proceeds going to Cancer Research UK.

In case you're wondering, she was the helicopter pilot in *The Spy who Loved Me* who got blown up with a missile from Bond's underwater car! The event was organised by new manager Julie Bannon, who took over the hotel at Christmas.

"I wanted to add some extra sparkle to the hotel and I thought that this was the best way to do it. This is my first event since I arrived and I am delighted. It was a lot of hard work but I hope we have attracted people who would not normally come here.

"It was an ambitious event to stage, but I hope we pulled it off."

She thanked head chef Nigel Tutton and Sous chef Mark Tait and said that the food had received nothing but compliments.

"We devised the menu together and it seemed to work. I wanted a wow factor and I think we got it."

Jeff Brown, who is chairman of the Barry branch of Cancer Research, said that the raffle raised £340 and he thanked Julie and the hotel for their hard work.

Julie added: "Everyone has had a good time and I hope this is the first of many themed nights. There was also a very supportive response from the people of Barry and that was great."

Julie thanked all the staff for their hard work and welcomed the new assistant manager Bethan Osborne.

Julie is now planning other themed events, including an Elvis night on July 4, with a strong American theme.

In September, she is staging a *Mamma Mia* night with an Abba tribute band.

Centenarian off on his travels, thanks to Age Concern charity

Mr Sidney Yates and his daughter Shirley holding the Age Concern banner, with the charity's staff.

AT the age of 100, a Barry pensioner has helped Age Concern celebrate 25 years of providing specialist products and financial services to older people in Wales.

Mr Sidney Yates shrugged off his age and recently travelled to Germany with his daughter Shirley – with the protection of special medical cover and travel insurance provided by the charity.

"Age Concern developed a trading arm, known as Age Concern Enterprises (ACEent), 25 years ago to make sure vulnerable older people in Wales had the same rights as other age groups when applying for products such as insurance and legal services," a spokesman explained.

The charity's services had since expanded to provide older people with life cover, home and car insurance, gas and electricity supplies, financial and legal advice, personal safety alarms, travel insurance, and funeral plans.

ABOVE:
Mr Yates talking with George Burke.

Scope community volunteers get a 'Tidy' boost

A BID by Scope Community Action Volunteers to improve the local environment has been given a boost – thanks to a cash injection by environmental organisation Keep Wales Tidy.

Scope Community Action Volunteers are a group of adults who attend the Skills Development Centre at Sully, near Penarth.

The centre is open from Monday-Friday and provides activities for adults with learning and/or physical disabilities.

On Thursdays and Fridays, a group volunteers for community activities such as litter picking, hedge trimming or other gardening activities.

"The group desperately needed new tools such as litter pickers, loppers and some of the participants needed new wellington boots and gloves. The grant has enabled us to buy all of the equipment needed," a spokeswoman explained.

Through the Tidy Towns Project, Keep Wales Tidy offers financial assistance to community groups who have demonstrated a commitment to restoring their communities to their former glory.

This is made possible by funding from the Welsh Assembly Government local environmental quality fund.

What's on
IN BRIEF

Street surgeries for Highlight Park

DYFAN PCSO Mandy Michael will be holding street surgeries, using the Vale Council's mobile library on Friday, June 12, when she will be available to meet local residents at Highlight Park.

The mobile library will be at the following locations: Lakin Drive East (2pm-2.30pm); Lakin Drive West, opposite Beaumont Close (2.35pm-3pm); Highlight Lane, at junction of Oakfield Road (3.05pm-4pm).

Imps' ball

CADOXTON Imps AFC are holding a summer ball on Saturday, June 13, at the Masonic Hall, Broad Street, Barry, at 7.30pm.

There will be a three-course dinner, entertainment and disco.

Full details from club chairman Martin Purshall on 01446 722299, or secretary Gary Spierling on 01446 407591.

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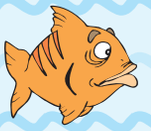

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IN the GEM on May 28, there was an article about the airport access road, costing £2.2 million.

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How long will it take to build the road to Rhoose? The Cowbridge-St Athan road is not built yet!

Mrs Whitton, Cowbridge

What's wrong with first past the post?

I FIND it very disquieting that the European elections will be checked by 'proportional representation' and not 'first past the post', as is the case with other elections in this country.

Our present method of voting means that our choice of members' name is the one that counts, whereas proportional representation, as I understand it, means that your preference is added to another named candidate to make up the numbers – so that you may not get the person you voted for to represent you.

Italy had proportional representation for 50 years, with elections almost yearly, but have now changed back to a system similar to our own.

Mrs DE Coombes
Herridge, Barry

Word lost in translation?

YOUR recent correspondent who wrote about the song 'Lili Marlene', may be interested to know that the song was originally written for two girls – Lili and Marlene. No doubt the 'and' was dropped in the translation.

D Lewis, Barry

Vale Council backed on development call

THE Vale Council's call for development plans north of Cardiff to be put on the back burner, has won the support of Alun Cairns AM.

The Vale Council has instructed officers to write to Cardiff City Council, urging them to defer consideration of a new business park, on land north of Junction 33 of the M4.

Mr Cairns, who is Conservative parliamentary candidate for the Vale, said he was backing Vale planners who want a development blueprint for the whole area considered in detail before this scheme comes up for approval.

VALE PACT MEETINGS

WENVOE PACT, Wenvoe Community Hall, June 8, 7.30pm. .

COWBRIDGE coffee and chat, The Bush Inn, St Hilary, June 16, 11am.

SULLY PACT, Stanwell Comprehensive School, June 19.

A close-run defeat for Cadoxton Ladies bowlers in Llantwit Major game

THE evening league match against Dinas Powys at Cadoxton had to be abandoned.

A correspondent writes: The ladies battled on during persistent heavy drizzle, but after playing eight ends, the decision was made to play the remaining seven ends at a later date.

The Thursday afternoon league was played on May 30 at Llantwit Major.

Rink one – Cadoxton – A Rees, J Pycroft, P Currie, D Davies 12; Llantwit – L Crouch, B Lewis, P Pike, E Nichols 16.

Cadoxton started the game strongly by winning four shots on the first end. Llantwit scored on the next six ends. The ladies didn't score again until the eighth, but they did well, winning seven of the next eight ends. However, the singles were not enough to win the game.

Rink two – Cadoxton – M Paterson, C Bentley, N Clissett, P Cox 15; Llantwit – K Jones, C Davies, A Matthew, M Davies 12.

Congratulations to Cadoxton, the only rink to gain points from this match. The ladies opened well, winning the first four ends.

In an exciting finish, the score being equal, Cadoxton picked up the last two ends to win the game.

Rink three – Cadoxton – P Bryant, M Slee, D Evans, J Tuck 15; Llantwit – E Hardy, V Hill, Val B, M Lewis 28.

The scoring was even up to the 10th end, then Llantwit made a mighty six-shot gain.

Cadoxton fought back and gained five shots on the next two ends but were unable to keep it up. Llantwit took the last two ends for four shots each to seal the win.

Final score: Cadoxton 42 Llantwit 56.

Congratulations to Marian Martin and Dot Davies on winning their first match in the Glamorgan Women's Bowling Pairs competition. Best wishes for the next round.

The Guide Dogs for the Blind charity quiz and raffle yielded £560.50.

A huge thank you to all the bowling ladies who helped with the event. All prizes have been distributed and a list of prizes/winners is available by phoning 01446 407438.

Special thanks to Gwyneth and Nigel, Mike and Eileen for taking part in the Mr and Mrs Quiz.

Seniors claim charity shield

ON May 21, the challenge was on between the Cottrell Park ladies and the men's senior section for the charity shield.

The weather was kind and every one enjoyed the golf and lunch.

The seniors were victorious and retained the shield: £300 was raised and divided between the captains' charities, Bridgend Samaritans and GLAZE (prostate cancer charity).

The picture below shows Margaret Thomas, ladies' captain, presenting the shield to Alan Crossley, the seniors captain. **CB**

Defeat puts Stags in trouble at the bottom of the league

IAN GADD'S Barry Athletic CC First XI played host to division two surprise package, Creigiau CC, at the Barry Oval.

Barry skipper, Ian Gadd, won the toss and elected to bat first.

Things were going nicely for the Stags. At 102-2 with 20 overs remaining, they looked set for a big score.

However, the 'achilles heel' of the batting order was exposed again as wickets fell cheaply in the middle order.

There was some resistance from Lee Morgan (with a highly respectable 70), Harshvar Deo (29) Anjan Ganapathy (24).

However, the Stags were dismissed cheaply for 170.

D Martin was the star of the show with the ball for Creigiau, with 4-39.

After the mid-session interval, the Stags entered the field hoping to defend their total.

However, the Creigiau batsmen dominated the attack from start to finish as boundaries were hit to all areas of the field.

Batsmen, Tom Lloyd (77 n/o) and D. Williams (54), looked to put the result beyond all doubt, as Creigiau hit the 171 target in the 35th over.

Barry bowlers Steve Jones (1-35) and Andrew Buckland (1-15) did give the Stag faithful something to cheer about by snatching a wicket each.

Barry First XI need to start improving or they may end up battling for survival in the South Wales cricket league.

Barry First XI travel to Ponthir CC on Saturday, hoping for a first win in four matches.

SECOND XI FALL SHORT

MARTIN BAKER'S Barry Second XI travelled to Brecon to face a newly promoted Brecon CC.

This was previously labelled as a 'must win' game. However, casualties in the week meant that only a weakened team was available.

A very hot day saw Brecon win the toss and elect to bat first.

Top class bowling from Forhad Ahmed and Simon Phillips restricted them to below 70 runs in their first 20 overs.

Performances from Ashley Baker (1-32 from nine overs) and bowler of the match, Richie Roberts (3-9 from five overs) ensured the Stags had a fighting chance in the second innings, restricting Brecon to 195-9 from their 50 overs.

After the interval, Barry were ready to chase down 196 runs for victory. Damon Leake led the attack with a fine batting display and he rarely made a wrong move as Barry steered closer and closer to the 196 target.

Leake, along with Billy Usswald, took the game to the Brecon bowling attack, firing the Stags to 127-2 from 30 overs.

Barry looked in touching distance of recording their first win of the campaign. However, Brecon struck gold when a flourish of wickets were taken, including Leake, for a well-earned 72, and Usswald, for 43.

Barry were struggling at 164-6, and despite a late flourish from Richie Roberts and Peter Davies, Barry fell 19 runs short and were bowled out for 176.

Barry Second XI are yet to record a win this season, and are now looking candidates for the drop.

This Saturday sees the Stags entertain fellow relegation battlers, Ponthir CC, in a bid to catch up with the teams above them.

THIRD XI WIN AT LAST

IN the absence of Barry Third XI skipper, Cesc Andre, the team travelled to Ponthir CC, hoping to put last week's nightmare of a game behind them.

Stand in skipper Simon Phillips lost the toss and was made to field first. The pitch was prematurely described as a batsman's paradise and runs were expected from both sides.

The first innings was dominated by the young Stag bowling attack, including Callum Twomey (2-20), Ashley Baker (2-11), Ben Eastman (2-11) and bowler of the match, Richie Roberts, who recorded figures of 4-14 from eight overs which included a maiden.

A fantastic performance from the leg-spinner, along with the other bowlers and the fielding, exemplified by Jophin Reji's three catches, helped the Stags to another top class display, bowling Ponthir for a less than impressive 102 in 38.2 overs.

An inspirational display in the field was matched by the display in the batting.

Despite some early scares, Barry held on with help from Simon Phillips (43) and his vice-captain, Andrew Buckland (22 n/o).

This, along with help from the extras column, ensured Barry Third XI's first win of the 2009 campaign, hitting 103-4 in 30.4 overs.

A massive win for the Stags saw them claim the maximum 20 points, compared to Ponthir's four points.

With no midweek match, the next opposition for the Stags is Aberdare CC, which will be played on Sunday (June 7).

AB

Romilly take SVLA shield

BARRY Romilly Bowling Club 'A' team travelled to Llantwit Major for the final game in the SVLA Shield tournament.

On a fine sunny day, Romilly won the match and the tournament.

Bob Wyatt's rink of J Jones, D Knight and C Davies soared ahead with a good lead. Llantwit fought back but Romilly knuckled down and scored a six and a four to win the rink 24-16.

Bryn Gough's rink of A Jones, J Coles and T Bloomfield had a tight match, rallying to 12-12, then 15-15 to finish the game, scoring a single shot on each of the last six ends for a 21-15 win.

Alf Woolcock's rink of A Bumford, D Ford and D Cameron played catch-up for 19 ends. The team pulled out a four on the penultimate end, plus a single shot on the last for a 16-16 draw.

Vince McFarland's rink of P Hoad, R Smallcombe and M Gershenson drew the short straw and had a difficult game against a strong Llantwit team but could not avoid the Llantwit win of 15-16. **RH**

Penarth Horticultural Society

THE next meeting of Penarth Horticultural Society will take place on Tuesday, June 9, at 7.15pm, in Elfed Avenue United Church Hall, when the speaker will be Gerry Donovan, project manager at Dyffryn Gardens. The talk is titled 'Update of the restoration of Dyffryn'.

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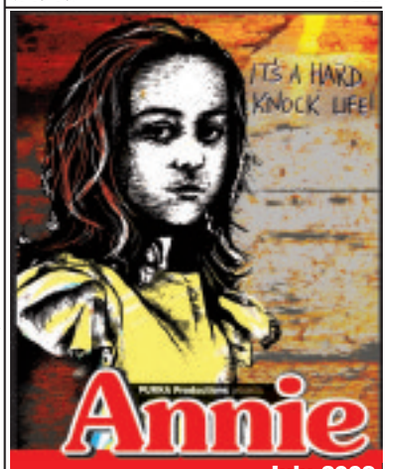

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 SECTION 257 AND PARAGRAPH 1 OF SCHEDULE 14

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 17B & 25 LLANBLETHIAN) DIVERSION ORDER 2009

The above Order was made on the 2nd day of June 2009. The effect of the Order will be to divert the route of the public footpath from that described in the First Schedule to that described in the second Schedule below and as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the Order and the Order map may be seen free of charge at the Dock Office, Subway Road, Barry, CF63 4RT from 9.00am to 4.00pm on any weekday and also at Cowbridge Town Council, Town Hall, Cowbridge, CF71 7AD from 9.00am to 1.00pm on any weekday. Copies of the Order and map may be bought from the Dock Office only at the price of £3.50.

Any representation about or objection to the Order, may be sent or delivered in writing addressed to the Director of Environmental & Economic Regeneration, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT not later than the 2nd day of July 2009. You should clearly state the grounds on which the representation or objection is made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, The Vale of Glamorgan Council may itself confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Welsh Assembly Government for confirmation, any representations or objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

Dated this 4th day of June 2009

FIRST SCHEDULE
Length of path to be extinguished

Public Footpath No 17b Llanblethian

Commences adjacent the former railway line at ST 0007 7478 and proceeds north-north-eastwards for approximately 91 metres, then turns northwards across agricultural land for approximately 163 metres. The path continues north-north-eastwards for approximately 120 metres to terminate at ST 0017 7514.

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SECOND SCHEDULE
Length of path to be created

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Director of Environmental & Economic Regeneration
Dock Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT.

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER SECTION 119 HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 1 WENVOE) EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER 2009

On the 28th day of May the Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to extinguish part of the public footpath as set out in the Schedule below.

A copy of the confirmed Order and Order map may be seen at the address below free of charge between 9:00am and 4:00pm on weekdays from 4 June 2009 until 16 July 2009. Copies of the Order and map may be bought here at a price of £3.50.

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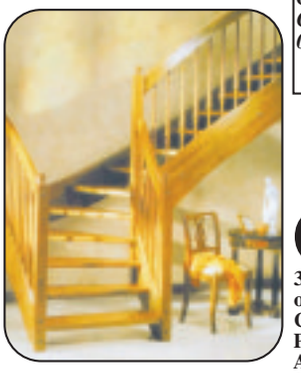

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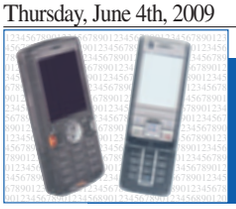

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ST NICHOLAS PUPILS LEARN IMPORTANT LESSONS THROUGH SONGS AND DANCE

IN May, the amazingly entertaining Gregory Brothers set St Nicholas C/W Primary School alight with their performance for a European Day.

The children had the opportunity to take part in the show through singing and dancing – and even the teachers were encouraged to join in.

The songs covered important messages such as road safety and recycling.

The Gregory Brothers also brought their friends called Gary Gosafe, who represents crossing roads safely, and Eco Eli, who stands for recycling and left us with an important message: 'RE-USE and REDUCE!'

An enormous thank you must be given to the John Rogers from the Vale Council's Road Safety Department, for arranging for the Gregory Brothers to visit our school.

Mr. Downey (class 4 teacher) said: "It was fantastic to see the whole school joining in with such an entertaining show, while also learning about such important messages." JS

RIGHT: Hands up if you want to finish school early!

ABOVE: The pupils were engrossed in the performance, which aimed to teach them important lessons about road safety through dance and song.

ABOVE: The lollipop man explains the importance of being safe when crossing the road.

RIGHT: More satisfied pupils, clapping along with the show.

Saddle-sore riders complete their marathon for Ty Hafan

STAFF at Biotec Pharmaceutical Services Ltd in Bridgend took part in the 100-mile Cardiff to Tenby bike challenge – and raised £400 for Ty Hafan.

The marathon cycle ride took most of the team just nine hours to complete, and it would have been less if they had not taken a detour around the Gower Peninsula!

Director, Marc Weinzweig, business development manager Matthew Lakelin, quality assurance manager, Tristram Evans and chairman Phil Roberts all took part in the challenge that started at 8am.

Although all team members are keen cyclists, they found the 100-mile distance in just one day a real challenge, especially having to battle against the wind and cold the whole way.

Matthew Lakelin, said: "I was so delighted to see the sign for Tenby after nine hours on the bike. We all enjoyed a well-deserved pint or two in the pub afterwards, as it helped to reduce the pain we were suffering from our behinds!"

"Prior to the race, I was accosted by a guy who was just coming in from a night out and after he asked me what I was doing, he gave me £1 for the charity and a Cadbury's Crème Egg for energy.

"The egg came in very handy later in the day because I missed the lunch stop, so I enjoyed it half-way up a hill just outside Swansea!"

Although the sponsored bike ride was a real challenge for the team, they have decided to make it an annual event in the Biotec calendar, and are looking to recruiting more staff to take part next year.

Marc Weinzweig, said: "Although we raised more than £400 for Ty Hafan this year, I would like to see us raise a lot more next year to reach my target of £1,000.

"I am a keen cyclist and I would like to see the event as more of a company event next year, so will be scouring the company for willing volunteers!"

ABOVE: The cyclists take a well-deserved breather!

Out and About with The GEM

12 ROUNDS STRUGGLES TO GO THE DISTANCE

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

THE road from professional wrestling to the bright lights of Hollywood is paved with casualties who look as if they've been on the end of a particularly harsh power slam.

For every Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson, a charismatic performer who has shown in the likes of *The Game Plan* and *Welcome To The Jungle* a deft ability to be both an action hero and comedian, there's a Hulk Hogan – whose dubious big-screen credits include the likes of *No Holds Barred, Suburban Commando,* and last, but definitely least, *Santa With Muscles*.

The latest grappler to swap the spandex for celluloid is John Cena, who stars in *12 Rounds*. Cena plays Danny Fisher who, in the act of capturing terrorist Miles Jackson (Aidan Gillen), inadvertently causes the death of the terrorist's girlfriend.

One year from the accident, Jackson breaks out of prison and captures Danny's girlfriend Molly (Ashley Scott) as an act of revenge; if Danny wants to see Molly again then must partake in 12 challenges, or 'rounds', in order to save her life...

There is a tendency to pigeonhole actors and directors in the film world. After all, just because *12 Rounds* stars a wrestler and comes from Renny Harlin, an action director whose knowledge of the word 'subtlety' seems to be non-existent, it doesn't mean that the end result won't be a thought-provoking piece of work on the emotional loss of supposedly villainous people, and how it affects the 'good guys'.

Unfortunately, as intriguing as the above film sounds, the finished product is nothing like it.

Instead, as you would expect, it is a film full of two-dimensional characters, mindless explosions and (surprisingly restrained) violence, and dialogue that attempts to prove the theory that should you give a group of monkeys a typewriter, they will eventually write the works of Shakespeare (though in this case they are still at an incredibly early stage).

While Dwayne Johnson has succeeded partly because of acting ability and lots of charm and charisma, John Cena is fundamentally lacking in each of those three criteria.

Cena isn't a bad actor, he just isn't up to headlining a film; he's far too ponderous and, in the more emotional scenes, appears to be channelling Joey from *Friends*' technique of doing difficult mathematical puzzles in his head to appear deep and thoughtful.

However, the acting requirements, save for one or two moments, are largely confined to the action sequences, and Cena is slightly more convincing in that aspect, his physical presence making him perfect casting for the travails that lay ahead for him.

Aidan Gillen takes great relish in laying on the villainy as Jackson, but does so with a spade rather than a brush.

Obviously taking the part for the money rather than any career advancement, Gillen seems to be letting himself loose.

This may be more than appealing for him, but for the audience makes for a villain who is only at points slightly dangerous, and certainly nothing one would imagine a global terrorist to be.

As the damsel in distress, Ashley Scott fails to create much of an impact, having little to do other than be tied up or have a bomb strapped to her, while the rest of the no-name cast do little to enhance their credentials, with turns that are weak and forgettable.

Given that this is his first script, Daniel Kunka doesn't do too badly, paying attention to the conventions of the action genre while developing a neat idea into a passable script.

However, he shows little flair for dialogue, the exchanges are laboured and forced, and hugely forgettable.

It seems Kunka put most of his effort into the action set-pieces, which dominate the film and fare well under the direction Renny Harlin.

As mentioned earlier, Harlin is no master of subtlety, and his 'if-it-ain't broke' maxim is in full effect here.

Tram cars, elevators, fire trucks – the staple elements of any serious action film are used here,.

While Harlin doesn't do anything particularly innovative or new with them, he at least mines the bang for your buck with relative ease.

It's unlikely to put the Finnish director back onto the A-list but as a hack-for-hire here, he does a decent, if uninspiring job.

However, there is little here to convince that Cena can make as big a splash in the world of film as he has in the world of wrestling.

Given that this film was bankrolled by WWE Studios, an offshoot of the WWE wrestling company, it appears Cena will still be wheeled out in films of this ilk for as long as they want him to.

Quite whether or not people will pay to go and see it is a completely different proposition.

GARETH'S VERDICT –

A weak action film that is more or less just one gigantic set-piece, 12 Rounds struggles to go the full distance.

John Cena makes for a decent action hero/poor actor, but the direction and script struggle to convince, leaving the end result as a feeble piece of work that has only one or two moments in its slightly long running time.

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Tudor stamps - GEM winners

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FOLK MUSIC

CASTLE Folk Club, Jewel Street, Barry, is holding its monthly get together on Tuesday, June 9, from 8.30pm, upstairs in the Castle Hotel.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Barry Floral Society

AFTER a demonstration and lunch at the home of Mrs Elizabeth Graham, on Wednesday, June 3, members of the Barry Floral Society will return to their normal venue, the St Nicholas Hall, Barry.

On Tuesday, June 9, they will be entertained by Mrs Alwyn Page with a demonstration entitled 'Surprise - Surprise' (commencing at 2.15pm).

Then on Tuesday, June 23, the club holds its annual summer afternoon tea and exhibition – *Midsummer*, 2.30pm-4.15pm.

Cowbridge coffee

THE Mayor and Mayoress of Cowbridge will be holding their monthly coffee morning, in aid of Breast Cancer Care, on Saturday, June 6,and invite the public to join them in the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, for tea/coffee and cake, between 10.30am-11am/ Admission £2.

Lili Marlene

LAST week, The GEM reported that there would be a performance of *Lili* – a show telling the story of the song 'Lili Marlene' –at Bridgend Recreation Centre at 1pm on June 27, following the Veterans' Armed Forces Parade.

This show is free to veterans only, and is by ticket invitation. Any veterans who would like to attend can contact Major Wayne Morgan on 01656 766533.

There are performances at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, on June 19-20 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £9.50 (£2 concessions) and are available from the box office on 01656 815995

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LLANTWIT MAJOR CRICKET ROUND-UP

Cavaliers in confident mood after fine away triumph over Newport

THERE is an air of steely commitment and confidence around the Cavaliers this season, and this was shown on Saturday as they crushed Newport Thirds by a nine-wicket margin.

The home skipper won the toss and elected to bat first on a rock hard wicket that looked full of runs. However, Llantwit's fiery seam attack was once again backed up by some excellent fielding, as the hosts collapsed to 55 all out.

James Snelson claimed both opening batsmen, courtesy of brilliant catches by James Huxstable and Jake McNaughton, with just 16 runs on the board.

Skipper Mike Wood had to wait until his fourth over to open his account, but he then struck twice again in consecutive overs to leave Newport reeling at 23-5 off 15 overs.

If Newport thought the pressure might ease with the bowling change they had a rude awakening as young Sam Pickford came on instead of Snelson and opened with a maiden, Julian Griffiths doing likewise at the other end as Wood took a breather.

These two bowlers picked up two wickets apiece with young batsman Jones forced to retire hurt after being struck on the pad from a pitched up delivery.

Needing just 56 runs to win, openers Griffiths and Withers set about the Newport bowling scoring at around four an over with the 50 coming up in the 12th over.

Withers departed in the 14th over for Chili Coldwell to take the crease, but in the next over Griffiths flashed a four through the covers to seal a third straight League win and a second 25-point haul in the process.

This week the Firsts are home to Pontllanfraith.

Cavalier Seconds snatch defeat from the very jaws of victory

IN an extraordinary finish, Llantwit somehow contrived to lose a game that appeared to be in the bag, as they slumped from 187-5 to 191 all out, chasing a modest 194 to win.

Stand in skipper Dave Cheal won the toss and opted to bowl first, a decision that was vindicated when Scott Wheatley stuck early to dismiss Abercarn opener Butcher with just four runs scored.

Some tight bowling from Ed Pickford (34 for two off 10 overs) and Gareth Hughes (32 for four off eight) helped restrict the visitors to 193 all out in the 41st over, with the last four wickets tumbling without troubling the scorers.

Llantwit's reply saw openers Ed Pickford (45) and Gareth Hughes (23) enjoy a 60-run partnership with Tom Gingell (17) making a useful contribution and Nigel Allison (57) striking a fine half century and Llantwit appeared to be coasting at 187-5.

However, they then proceeded to hit the self destruct button, with experienced duo Tim Bunce and Paul McGinn run out as the tail slumped drastically, with the last five wickets tumbling for just four runs for Abercarn to sneak a shock win with five balls to spare.

Cavaliers have good day out at the seaside

A TRIP to the picturesque Barry Athletic cricket ground saw Llantwit overcome Barry West End by 22 runs in a game played in excellent spirit.

Cavaliers' skipper Mark Bush won the toss and elected to bat first, a decision which looked spot on as openers Julian Griffiths and Mark Coldwell pushed the score on at around four runs per over, to bring up the 50 partnership, before Chili was bowled for 20.

Griffiths was disappointed not to have a third umpire referral when run out on 40, and Jono Cheal was even unluckier to be out, lbw, when a strong Barry appeal coincided with umpire Dave Cheal pointing to a KLM jet coming in to land at Rhoose.

Llantwit managed to reach 100 in the 31st over and, despite the serious bowlers coming on to rattle the tailenders, the Cavaliers settled for 137 all out, with No 11 Dave Cheal seen off on the third ball of the last over.

When Barry came in to bat, Dave Cheal bowled well with a wicket maiden in his third over to dispose of opener Gadd, followed by another maiden in a spell of six overs, two maidens one wicket for 13 runs.

Young Alex Harris also bowled economically at the other end, and Matt Prudham recovered superbly after conceding 10 runs in his first over to take a wicket at a cost of just nine more runs in his next five.

Sunday specialist Mark Dowling weighed in with three for 11 off his six overs, including the vital wicket of opener Howell, with the left hander having posed a considerable threat to Llantwit's total.

Jonathan Cheal roared in to skittle the bails on three occasions in a lively spell before skipper Mark Bush, whose slow ball is a full stop, came on to pinch a wicket.

With the last Barry batsman at the crease, Bush called on Julian Griffiths' pace, and he duly obliged by clean-bowling the plucky Mansefield in the 38th over for Llantwit to win by 22 runs.

This Sunday, the Cavaliers travel to Margam.

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Llantwit Major's young cricketers enjoy festival success

The under-9 squad.

LLANTWIT MAJOR under-9s have been in action recently in a mini festival at Corntown, their first festival of the season.

The festivals involve four teams playing each other once.

The teams are of eight players and start on 200 runs – you score runs in the normal way and lose five runs for every wicket lost.

Most of the players had not played in competitive games before, but were eager to show their bowling, batting and fielding skills – which they managed in style.

Llantwit Major won all their games in the festival and can be proud of themselves for the way they listened and tried in training.

The most compelling statistic was the wicket tally – over the three games, Llantwit only lost three wickets while taking 13.

The scores were: Llantwit Major 232, Creigau 217; Llantwit Major 272, Sully 208; Llantwit Major 257, Vale 242.

Llantwit Major under-9 squad: Joe Baker, Josh Bush, Moses Gee, Nick Harris, Lloyd Richards, Ellis Simon, Sam Snaith, Ieuan Williams, Jack Wissenden.

LLANTWIT MAJOR under-15s have also been in action recently.

They have had a couple of very close games, with an excellent finish against Lisvane in the second round of the cup, Llantwit Major having defeated Cardiff CC earlier to reach this stage.

Batting first, Llantwit Major lost early wickets and with the top five batsmen back in the pavilion after four overs, Llantwit needed something special.

It was Lewis Price's birthday, and he showed no fear in demonstrating that attack is a great form of defence, hoisting his first-ever six on his way to a career best, well-supported by Stephen Cole in a seventh-wicket partnership to enable Llantwit to attain 93 all out.

There were several overs to spare at the end of the innings, but this was a potential winning position created out of nowhere.

Llantwit put up a good fight in the field but Lisvane scored the winning runs off the last ball to win by a number of wickets.

An excellent close game, but tough on the finger nails!

TB

Away win for bowling team

LLANTWIT travelled to Cardiff West Club and, after a delayed start, the game was played in ideal weather for bowls.

Llantwit overcame their hosts on all rinks to win 69-40 shots.

Norman Scouse's rink had a tough match with the result in doubt until the final end.

Alan Gibbard's rink also had a close game. Their opponents were only able to field three players, which gave two of their players the advantage of bowling three bowls. With both sides taking the lead at various stages, Llantwit had to pull out all the stops to win the match.

Charles Hiscock's rink were always on top, with Chris Roach making a good impression on his first team debut.

Neville Young's rink were never under any pressure, with Derek Mutlow having an excellent game at lead, with good back up from Bert Cook and Graham Jones.

Rink scores: Charles Hiscock 15-7, Neville Young 21-4, Norman Scouse 13-11, Alan Gibbard 20-18.

NY

Lady bowlers in knife-edge win

LLANTWIT LADIES played against Cadoxton in the league on Thursday, and won on two out of three rinks, gaining eight points out of 10.

Marian Lewis, Val Baelz, Vera Hill and Edna Hardie won 28 - 15, Eryl Nicholls, Peggy Pike, Barbara Lewis and Liz Crouch won 16-12, but unfortunately May Davies, Ann Mutlow, Ceri Davies and Kay Johnes lost 12-15.

It was a very good game played in good spirit by everyone.

Also on Tuesday last week, a rink of four ladies played for the President's team at Bridgend, again a very good game, and the team of Marian Lewis, Ceri Davies, Kay Johnes and Edna Hardie won the highest scoring rink.

Well done.

Club looks to future as final whistle signals end of season

A SEASON that promised so much at the start has come to an end for the senior footballers of Llantwit Major.

Both the first and reserve sides ended with disappointing league positions that does little to reflect the talent that exists in the squad, with the only highlight being the ASRS Cup Final that also ended in failure for the reserve team.

The future looks brighter, with the recent appointment of Kevin Rees to the role of first team manager, and a number of youth players making valuable contributions as they developed throughout the season.

The presentation evening, nevertheless, celebrated much that has been achieved – with the ground improvements complete and confirmation that the facilities are acceptable to the Welsh league.

Attention will now focus on the teams, so that this step up in standard can be achieved.

The player of the year awards were presented to David Bevan, for the first team, who finally fulfilled much of what he has promised over the years, and to David Callard, for the reserve side, following an outstanding season in a variety of different roles.

The committee also acknowledged the off-field support of Kim Wilmot, who provided the post match hospitality, and recognised Shaun Grahame, who picked up the clubman of the year award.

As thoughts turned to the summer rest, the committee are firmly focused on next season. Chairman John Guy was delighted to have attracted a manager of Kevin's calibre to the club, and equally pleased that Paul Davies will continue as reserve team manager.

Pre-season training will get under way on July 2 at Windmill Lane. Players old and new are most welcome and can be sure of a warm welcome.

The club would also like to acknowledge the support of its sponsors and hope that this will continue through the 2009/10 season.

MARK ROSCROW

Another Royal winner for promising amateur

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

AMATEUR rider Tom David (18), who recently joined Aberthin National Hunt trainer Tim Vaughan, gave HRH The Princess Royal and her daughter Zara Phillips plenty to smile about when landing the open maiden race on Princess Anne's *Willowpattern* at the Larkhill Racing Club Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Larkhill.

Willowpattern is trained by Princess Anne's daughter Zara Phillips and only a couple of weeks ago, she took a similar event at the Golden Valley Point-To-Point Steeplechases on their *Dhu Loch*.

Tigu, owned by Chris Bolton, and trained by Tim Vaughan, won by a distance at Southwell recently. This former point-to-pointer was an easy winner of the confined race at Bonvilston on April 25.

On Sunday, Vaughan won the opener at Stratford with the well backed *Rupestrian*, a reject of Mark Johnson's yard.

This Saturday sees the close of the 2008/09 Welsh point-to-point season with the Pembrokeshire Hunt Steeplechases at Trecoed.

A number of local horses have been entered, and these include *Merthyrmawr*, *Bob Bites Back*, *Classic Chance*, *Micks Prospect* and *Up The Boreen*.

The first race is at 2pm.

On June 27, there is Arabian racing at the new Ffos Las Racecourse.

More information can be obtained by telephoning 01635 524445.

VALE STUDENTS PROSPER AT ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

YEAR-12 students Curtis Mathews (Barry Comprehensive) and Elinor Lewis (Bro Morgannwg) were the top placed Vale athletes when the 14th Cardiff & the Vale Schools Combined Events championships were held at the Cardiff International Sports Stadium at Leckwith.

Last year, when there was no athletics stadium in Cardiff, the event was held for the only time at Jenner Park. It was a lovely, sunny afternoon and a record number of pupils competed – 194 – with 82 of them representing Vale schools, and the fixture was completed in its planned four hour time slot.

The drawback with Jenner is that it only has one high jump bed, which resulted, last year, in the middle and junior girls only completing four events instead of the usual pentathlon.

This time, at new Leckwith, conditions were not good, one of those damp, drizzly and windy afternoons, but still a new record number of pupils competed, with the 200 mark exceeded for the first time – 210 athletes from years 8 to 13 took part, with a hugely encouraging 99 coming from the Vale schools.

Mathews, last year's middle (under-17) champion with a points total of 2,554 for a competition covering the 100m hurdles, long and high jumps, shot and 800 metres, underlined how much he has improved under the guidance of Welsh Athletics combined events coach Mike Guest. He finished with a hugely encouraging total of 2,590 points for the senior competition, which covers a different combination of events – 100 metres, long jump, shot, javelin and 1,500 metres.

That points score betters the previous record of 2,467 for those five events, set by Daniel Gaunt (Cardiff High) in 2004 – and it shows that, although the Barry student is far from the finished article, he is heading in the right direction.

For Lewis, much better known for her pole vault prowess, there was the satisfaction of claiming a first ever combined events title, though she may be disappointed with her points total in the senior girls' competition, in which all six athletes were from Vale schools.

In the middle (under-17) and junior (under-15) sections, Cowbridge year-11 Oliver Trotman produced the highest points score. His 2,302 was good enough for second place behind St Teilo's year-10 Jamaul Whyte (2,442) while Rhys Allin (Cowbridge, middle, 2,102), Ellie Carter (Bryn Hafren, middle, 1,903) and Maisie Matthews (Bro Morgannwg, junior, 1,836) all finished third and Mathew Roan (St Cyres, 1,720) was the top placed Vale junior boy in seventh place.

The event was hosted by the Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg PE department, who made an excellent job of organising the event.

Following this fixture, 91 athletes were selected to represent Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools at the Welsh Schools' Combined Events championships, which will be held for the first time at the Swansea University athletics track on Saturday, June 27. Fifty-five Vale pupils are included in that team.

Results of Vale athletes who finished the five events:

Senior Boys – (SP, LJ, 100, JT, 1,500) – 1 Curtis Mathews (Barry Comp) 2590 (10.67, 12.2, 35.69, 5.87, 5:00.30); 2 Tom Larkin (Cow) 1911 (8.43, 13.3, 26.25, 5.02, 5.09.50); 3 Steffan Kitchen (Cow) 1725 (8.73, 14.2, 33.73, 4.51, 5:26.20).

Middle Boys – (100H, HJ, LJ, SP, 800) – 2 Oliver Trotman (Cow) 2308 (17.1, 1.75, 4.66, 11.02, 2:24.8); 3 Rhys Allin (Cow) 2102 (17.2, 1.40, 5.42, 8.06, 2:16.7); 5 Tom Phillips (Stan) 2069 (17.1, 1.60, 5.20, 7.59, 2:26.1); 7 Duke Durham (St Cyres) 1848 (18.1, 1.45, 5.05, 7.83, 2:27.0); 8 James Glaves (Bro M) 1828 (18.1, 1.60, 4.74, 8.40, 2:37.0); 10 Dillon Morgan (Cow) 1770 (19.7, 1.50, 4.36, 9.86, 2:26.2); 12 Ethan Dicks (Barry Comp) 1745 (19.9, 1.55, 4.88, 10.25, 2:42.0); 13 Einan Scott (Bro M) 1723 (18.8, 1.45, 4.37, 8.30, 2:24.6); 14 Charlie Halpin (St John's) 1717 (19.2, 1.40, 4.70, 7.45, 2:20.6); 15 Jake Connelly (Bro M) 1690 (19.4, 1.45, 4.51, 9.57, 2:32.9); 16 Samuel Morgan (Cow) 1644 (19.3, 1.35, 4.65, 6.91, 2:19.9); 17 Tiernan Scott (Bro M) 1637 (20.8, 1.50, 4.57, 7.27, 2:21.7); 20 Kieron Laity (Bro M) 1607 (19.0, 1.40, 4.74, 8.96, 2:40.7); 22 Peter Pemberton (Stan) 1576 (20.4, 1.45, 4.33, 9.43, 2:33.4); 26 Zac Deere (Bro M) 1357 (20.2, 1.35, 4.66, 8.68, 2:51.0); 27 Joseph Coyle (Llantwit) 1348 (20.6, 1.50, 4.32, 7.94, 2:49.6); 28 Tom Howles (Llantwit) 1285 (21.8, 1.35, 4.08, 6.85, 2:28.7); 29 Nathan Taylor (Barry Comp) 1268 (19.2, 1.40, 4.38, 6.16, 2:50.2); 30 Luke Gibbings (Barry Comp) 1261 (19.8, 1.35, 3.88, 6.25, 2:35.7); 31 Rhydian Mepham (Bro M) 1245 (20.3, 1.35, 4.15, 6.68, 2:40.9); 35 Ashley Greening (Barry Comp) 1162 (21.8, 1.35, 4.13, 6.58, 2:39.8); 36 Joel Mason (Barry Comp) 1061 (24.3, 1.45, 4.07, 7.26, 2:49.8); 37 Andrew Williams (Llantwit) 1055 (22.5, 1.25, 4.04, 7.16, 2:42.6); 39 Luke O'Sullivan (Barry Comp) 720 (23.8, nh 4.10, 7.06, 2:49.6).

Junior Boys – (80H, SP, LJ, HJ, 800) – 7 Mathew Roan (St Cyres) 1720 (14.3, 8.54, 1.55, 4.26, 2:44.1); 8 Wesley Burns (Bro M) 1689 (14.3, 8.64, 1.20, 4.69, 2:31.7); 13 Christian Walters (Cow) 1552 (15.3, 8.53, 1.30, 4.36, 2:36.5); 15 Damian Robinson (Barry Comp) 1485 (17.5, 8.72, 1.25, 4.63, 2:30.3); 16 Dafi Davies (Bro M) 1468 (16.0, 8.77, 1.30, 4.03, 2:35.3); 18 Jack Pritchard (Bro M) 1422 (15.4, 7.84, 1.40, 4.43, 2:52.4); 20 William Powell (Barry Comp) 1399 (16.0, 7.88, 1.25, 4.54, 2:42.3); 22 Harry Hitchcock (Cow) 1387 (14.4, 7.37, 1.25, 4.25, 2:48.5); 26 Mathew Edwards (Barry Comp) 1270 (17.3, 6.13, 1.15, 4.05, 2:23.0); 28 Emyr George (Bro M) 1249 (disq, 8.59, 1.40, 4.90, 2:46.2); 30 Ben Thomas (Bro M) 1227 (16.5, 9.21, 1.25, 4.50, 3:03.7); 31 Kieran Sansom (St Cyres) 1227 (15.6, 7.38, 1.20, 3.80, 2:44.3); 33 Kieron Carpenter (Bro M) 1180 (16.3, 8.25, 1.25, 3.86, 2:52.8); 35 Harri Williams (Bro M) 1148 (16.3, 5.97, 1.20, 4.09, 2:43.3); 36 Daniel Wells (Bro M) 1093 (17.6, 7.43, 1.35, 3.63, 2:50.9); 37 Jacob Briscombe (Bro M) 1069 (15.9, 7.33, 1.30, 3.68, 3:01.9); 39 Connor Lang (Bro M) 1029 (16.1, 6.23, 1.25, 4.08, 3:01.0); 41 David Parks (Bro M) 1022 (15.0, 6.03, 1.30, 3.46, dnf); 42 Malachai Corrigan (Bro M) 958 (18.1, 8.25, 1.20, 4.03, dnf).

Senior Girls – (SP, LJ, 100, JT, 1,500) – 1 Elinor Lewis (Bro M) 1820 (6.64, 14.0, 17.08, 4.61, 3:13.5); 2 Leah Grisdale (Bro M) 1466 (4.75, 14.5, 8.62, 4.24, 3:03.4); 3 Alice Thomas (Cow) 1296 (5.30, 15.0, 14.84, 3.99, 3:28.6); 4 Heather Jarvis (Cow) 1222 (6.03, 15.4, 10.03, 3.93, 3:23.4); 5 Melanie Bowden (Bryn H) 1156 (5.82, 16.5, 15.55, 4.02, 3.31.1); 6 Emma Meyrick (Bryn H) 552 (6.24, 18.0, 12.60, 2.09, 4:45.9).

Middle Girls – (HJ, 80H, LJ, 800) 3 Ellie Carter (Bryn H) 1903 (1.40, 4.27, 14.9, 5.58, 3:09.0); 10 Lia Thomas (Bro M) 1646 (1.40, 4.29, 17.0, 6.81, 3:35.2); 11 Natalie Parsons (Llantwit) 1636 (1.25, 3.85, 14.6, 5.17, 3:10.6); 12 Shanelle Edwards (Bro M) 1626 (1.25, 4.51, 16.0, 6.42, 3:29.7); 13 Storm Morham (St Richard G) 1604 (1.25, 3.39, 15.6, 4.90, 2:52.8); 15 Joanne Williams (B of Llandaff) 1564 (1.25, 4.07, 16.7, 5.50, 3:08.1); 16 Lisa Williams (Bro M) 1546 (1.20, 3.79, 16.9, 6.66, 3:04.3); 17 Molly Llewelyn (Cow) 1521 (1.35, 3.60, 16.5, 4.10, 3:04.2); 23 Chalise Ludvigsen (Bryn H) 1335 (1.30, 3.79, 17.7, 5.70, 3:31.1); 24 Georgina Jackson (Cow) 1285 (1.20, 3.74, 16.3, 5.34, 3:33.6); 25 Kara Vernon (Bryn H) 1281 (1.30, 3.64, 18.9, 5.71, 3:23.5); 27 Alice Palmer-Evans (Cow) 1214 (1.15, 3.38, 16.0, 4.90, 3:24.6); 30 Megan Watts (Cow) 1034 (1.15, 3.31, 19.5, 4.81, 3:16.3); 31 Jade Deverell (Bryn H) 919 (nh, 3.19, 19.3, 5.47, 3:01.5).

Junior Girls – (LJ, 75H, SP, 800) – 3 Maisie Matthews (Bro M) 1863 (4.02, 14.5, 6.27, 1.35, 3:00.0); 5 Danielle Green (St Richard G) 1783 (4.14, 15.4, 5.69, 1.25, 2:50.1); 11 Lauren Drew (St Richard G) 1547 (3.93, 17.1, 7.84, 1.10, 2:57.7); 12 Chloe Phillips (Llantwit) 1542 (4.03, 14.7, 5.49, 1.20, 3:13.0); 15 April Dee (St Richard G) 1481 (3.74, 15.5, 6.21, 1.10, 3:00.3); 16 Caitlin Allin (Cow) 1385 (3.55, 15.6, 5.03, 1.25, 3:13.4); 22 Emma Worrall (Llantwit) 1242 (3.85, 15.8, 6.38, 1.15, 3:44.1); 23 Rebecca John (Cow) 1216 (3.70, 17.0, 3.84, 1.10, 3:01.3); 25 Jessica Oliver (Cow) 1174 (3.47, 16.3, 4.97, 1.20, 3:27.0); 26 Bethan Yapp (Bro M) 1153 (3.11, 16.9, 5.74, 1.15, 3:15.2); 29 Bethan Thorngate (Bryn H) 1069 (3.08, 17.1, 6.42, 1.15, 3:31.7); 31 Katie Mills (Bryn H) 1003 (3.20, 18.4, 5.56, 1.15, 3:25.2); 32 Megan Thickpenny (Bryn H) 990 (3.24, 17.8, 6.59, 1.10, 3:38.3); 36 Danielle Close (Bryn H) 840 (3.35, 18.3, 4.10, 1.05, 3:28.2); 41 Cariann Rogers (Bryn H) 680 (3.28, 20.4, 5.15, 1.05, 3:53.4); 46 Sam Chambers (Bryn H) 528 (3.33, 21.5, 4.03, 1.00, 3:56.0).

PETER MORRIS

Elinor Lewis (Bro Morgannwg) on her way to victory in the senior girls' competition. (Photographs by Ian Dixon).

Oliver Trotman (Cowbridge) second in the middle boys' section.

Chloe Phillips (Llantwit 86) and Lauren Drew (St Richard Gwyn 70) in hurdles action.

Aubrey takes the Shreival Trophy

THE monthly meeting of The Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society, at the rapidly-developing Coed y Mwstwr Golf Club at Coychurch, proved an added attraction to the day's sponsor, Mr Islwyn Rees, whose family farm at St Mary Hill overlooks part of the course.

Islwyn can well recall working the land and baling hay for the family on which the course is built, and little did he think that one day he would be walking the same fields with a set of golf clubs.

Playing for the Shreival Trophy, donated to the society by Islwyn to commemorate his time as High Sheriff of Mid-Glamorgan, a slightly reduced entry of 32 set off with high hopes of returning home with one of the many quality prizes on offer.

The format for this annual competition is medal play, which was probably the reason a few of the regular members either forwarded sick notes or cried off with medal-flu!

The course proved quite a challenge, with any wayward shot being rightly punished, but the straight hitters were rewarded with the opportunity of playing shots into receptive greens.

Veteran Robert Thomas headed the leaderboard for quite some time with an outstanding front nine of 41 gross. Unfortunately, fatigue set in over the closing holes, causing the retired auctioneer from Cowbridge to finish with a nett 77.

David Williams was also well positioned until approaching the final hole, when a wayward tee shot into knee-high grass, more suitable for Islwyn's baler, resulted in this farmer from Llancadle having a disastrous eight to finish with a nett 78.

Low handicapper Godfrey Lewis returned an impressive nett 75 to finish fourth, with Keith Walker, nett 74, finishing third. Runner-up was Keith Wilding with a nett 72, just two shots behind overall winner Aubrey Bowen, whose closing score of nett 70 proved a wonderful way to celebrate his wife Maureen's birthday!

Llantrisant & Pontyclun golf club member Keith Davies won the guest section with a nett 77, just one point ahead of the sponsor's son Mark Rees.

Nearest the pin on the par three holes were David Williams, Clive Humphreys, Keith Wilding, Trevor Wooding and Julian Kelly, with Godfrey Lewis also winning the 'James the Butcher'-sponsored longest drive competition.

Bryan Owen correctly guessed 48 balls would spend the night out in the cold to win 'The Premier Turf'-sponsored lost ball prize, resulting in £50 being donated to the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society, which Islwyn Rees and his wife Frances have supported for many years.

The society's next meeting will be held on Friday, June 26 at The Park Golf Club, near Bath, when members will be competing for the PJC International Classic trophy, kindly sponsored by Mr John Caines.

ABOVE: Colin Humphreys and Robert Thomas at the 19th hole.

Nipper Jewell Knock Out draw

The draw for the second round of The Nipper Jewell Memorial Trophy has brought together some interesting pairings, with Aubrey Thomas having to play his neighbour David Williams, and Southerndown members Mike King and John Caines being drawn to play each other.

Clive Edwards, a surprise winner against Glyn Watts-Jones in the first round, has been drawn away to Cottrell Park member Bryan Owen, while David Harris, following his demolition in the last round of business partner Julian Kelly, was rewarded with a home draw against three-times winner of the trophy Trevor Wooding.

Other games are Keith Walker v Coun Ray Thomas; Godfrey Lewis v Aubrey Bowen; Ray Howells v Brian Jones; and Neil McLean v Tosh Taylor.

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Captain Ray Howells, sponsor Islwyn Rees and his guests Huw Thomas and Mark Rees.

Guest winner Keith Davies, captain Ray Howells, sponsor Islwyn Rees, winner Aubrey Bowen and runner-up Keith Wilding.

Soccer mums race for life in tribute to Allan

MUMS from the Barry FC under-16s team last week took part in the Cancer Research UK Race for Life – in memory of the team's assistant coach, Allan Dicks, who died of cancer last year.

The Race for Life is a 5km event for women only, and the mums were joined by friends and relatives to make up 'Team Allan'. All wore t-shirts with Allan's name and photograph on the back.

Claire Curtis, who was part of the team, said: "When Allan died last year, the players and parents were devastated by the loss of someone who was so much a part of the team.

"I take part in the Race for Life every year and suggested to the mums that we enter a team in memory of Allan, but also as a way of raising funds for Cancer Research UK at the same time."

Allan's son Ethan is the goalkeeper for Barry FC and his nan Jill and auntie Jo joined Allan's wife Lisa in the Race for Life team.

Lisa said: "This season, the boys did Allan proud by winning both the league and the cup for under-16s, doing the double for him, but this was something that the mums could do as their own tribute.

"He would have been amused at the sight of us girls struggling around the 5km course on a scorcher of a day, but would have been proud of our efforts and the funds raised for Cancer Research UK."

The team have raised more than £500 and Claire Curtis, who is a local business manager for Barclays in Barry, has had her fundraising matched by the bank under their employee £4£ scheme.

ABOVE: Allan Dicks.

LEFT: Team Allan, who took part in Race for Life, at Cardiff.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NOS 19 & 20 PENLLYN) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER

1. Notice is hereby given that the above named Order made on the 2nd day of June 2009 is about to be submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government or to be confirmed as an unopposed Order by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

2. The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modification, will be to divert the route of the public right of way from that described in the First Schedule to this Order to that described in the Second Schedule to this Order.

3. A copy of the Order and the map contained in it may be seen at the address below during normal office hours.

4. Any representation or objection with respect to the Order may be sent to the Director of Environmental & Economic Regeneration, Dock Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT before the 2nd day of July 2009 and should state the grounds on which it is made.

5. If no representation or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, The Vale of Glamorgan may, instead of submitting the Order to the Welsh Assembly Government, itself confirm the Order. If the Order is submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government, any representations and objections, which have been duly made and not withdrawn, will be sent with the Order.

Dated this 4th day of June 2009

FIRST SCHEDULE
Existing Route of Footpath

Restricted Byway No 19 Penllyn

Commences on a track at SS 9870 7754 and proceeds north-eastwards for approximately 147 metres to terminate at the junction with Public Footpath No 20 Penllyn within the garden of Chatwood at SS 9880 7765.
Length: 147 metres; Width: 9–12 feet

Public Footpath No 20 Penllyn

Commences within the garden of Chatwood at the junction with Restricted Byway No 19 Penllyn at SS 9880 7765 and proceeds north-eastwards out of the garden and along the private drive for approximately 86 metres to terminate at SS 9887 7770.

Length: 86 metres; Width: 3–6 feet

SECOND SCHEDULE
New Route of Footpath

Restricted Byway No 19 Penllyn

Commences at SS 9870 7754 and proceeds south-eastwards for approximately 16 metres. Keeping the boundary to Chatwood on the left, the path turns north-eastwards through a field to terminate at the junction with Public Footpath No 20 Penllyn at SS 9881 7761.

Length: 143 metres; Width: 3.7 metres

Public Footpath No 20 Penllyn

Commences at the junction with Restricted Byway No 19 at SS 9881 7761 and keeping the boundary of Chatwood on the left proceeds north-eastwards through a field for approximately 106 metres to terminate on the private drive at SS 9887 7770.

Length: 106 metres; Width: 3.7 metre

Director of Environmental & Economic Regeneration
Dock Office, Subway Road, Barry, CF63 4RT

Green day at sensory gardens

A VOLUNTEER day will be held at Castleland Community Centre/Sensory Garden site on Sunday (June 7).

The event is to be held in conjunction with the BBC & Big Lottery breathing places initiative, to encourage the public to get involved in an environmental project.

Telephone 01446 403549 for details.

Open session at Barry Tennis Club

BARRY Tennis Club is holding a special 'Rusty Rackets' session on Saturday, June 13 from 2pm-6pm.

Spokesman Andy Green, said: "The open afternoon will provide an opportunity for non members of all abilities to come along to see what the club has to offer, and have a go at tennis.

"During the summer school holidays, the club is also planning special sessions every Monday morning, with fun competitions for junior members."

Barry Tennis Club is part of Barry Athletic Club at Paget Road, on Barry Island.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT, 1990

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to the Council for planning permission for the undermentioned developments:

Developments in Conservation Areas

Application No: 2009/00475/LBC
Proposal: Proposal to build a small extension adjoining a modern extension to the rear of the listed building, which will serve for the installation of 2 new Automated Teller Machines (ATM)
Location: 1, Windsor Road, Penarth
Conservation Area: Penarth

Application No: 2009/00476/FUL
Proposal: Refurbishment and extension of dwelling
Location: Church Cottage, The Square, Colwinston
Conservation Area: Colwinston

Application No: 2009/00503/LBC
Proposal: Removal of existing rooflights due to weather ingress and their replacement with flush type (conservation grade) rooflights
Location: Community Centre (Flats), Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge
Conservation Area: Cowbridge with Llanblethian

Application No: 2009/00505/FUL
Proposal: Renewal of application 03/00840/FUL, erection of one single storey bungalow at Station Drive, East Aberthaw
Location: Chequers, Station Terrace, East Aberthaw
Conservation Area: East Aberthaw

Listed Building Consent

Application No: 2009/00457/LBC
Proposal: Change existing single door to double doors on side elevation with roller shutter screen covering opening. Roller shutter screen to be boxed as existing screens. Rendering rear brick wall to rear elevation
Location: 69, High Street, Barry
Listed Building: Grade II

Application No: 2009/00470/LBC
Proposal: Install new signs and external alterations
Location: Barons Court Public House, Penarth Road, Penarth
Listed Building: Grade II

Application No: 2009/00475/LBC
Proposal: Proposal to build a small extension adjoining a modern extension to the rear of the listed building, which will serve for the installation of 2 new Automated Teller Machines (ATM)
Location: 1, Windsor Road, Penarth
Listed Building: Grade II

Application No: 2009/00503/LBC
Proposal: Removal of existing rooflights due to weather ingress and their replacement with flush type (conservation grade) rooflights
Location: Community Centre (Flats), Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge
Listed Building: Grade II

Development that might affect the setting of a Listed Building

Application No: 2009/00472/FUL
Proposal: Creation of opening to rear building to facilitate off road parking
Location: Church Farmhouse, Monknash
Listed Building: Affecting Church Farmhouse, Grade II

Full details (including plans) may be inspected during normal working hours for a period of 21 days in the offices of the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below, or via the Council's Online Applications Register at vog.planning-register.co.uk.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER, 1995

Application(s) that may be of General Public Interest

Application No: 2009/00489/OUT
Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of site for residential purposes
Location: Ogmore Residential Centre, Hazelwood, Off Main Road, Ogmore By Sea

Application No: 2009/00490/FUL
Proposal: Amendment to Planning Permission 2007/01520/FUL comprising minor alterations to 4 No. townhouses as approved and variation to flats
Location: Vacant land at corner of Court Road and Newton Street, Barry

Full details (including plans) may be inspected during normal working hours for a period of 14 days in the offices of the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below, or via the Council's Online Applications Register at vog.planning-register.co.uk.

Application(s) submitted with an Environmental Statement

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8 and REGULATION 14 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS, 1999 (AS AMENDED)

Proposed development at Land accessed off of Atlantic Way within Barry Docks, Barry.

I give notice that additional information has been submitted by Mr. Nick Baston, who is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to Change of use from B2 - General Industrial Use to Sui Generis - Waste Use which would include operational development in the form of the construction of a gasification waste to energy plant for non-hazardous waste.

The additional information can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain copies of the additional information from Barry Energy Recovery Ltd., Whitehills Business Park, 6 Croft Court, Blackpool, Lancashire. FY4 5PR so long as stocks last.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:

- The application.
- The plans.
- The environmental statement.
- Other documents submitted with the application.

- Additional information (including Air Quality and Noise Assessments)

at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 25 June, 2009.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 25 June 2009 quoting reference 2009/00021/FUL.

Full details (including plans) may be inspected during normal working hours for a period of 21 days in the offices of the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below, or via the Council's Online Applications Register at http://vog.planning-register.co.uk.

Dated: 4 June, 2009

Rob Thomas
Head of Planning and Transportation

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On May 30, peacefully at Holme Tower Marie Curie Centre, Penarth, Bert of Rhoose and formerly of Cowbridge.

Beloved husband of the late Sylvia, dearly-loved father of Susan, much loved grandfather of Jason, Nicola, Craig and Lindsay. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon.

Funeral Friday June 12, service 12 noon at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, followed by interment in Cowbridge Cemetery. Family flowers only may be sent to the Funeral Home, donations in lieu if desired to Holme Tower Marie Curie Centre, Bridgeman Road, Penarth.

Margaret CROSSMAN

Margaret of Llantwit Major who peacefully passed away at home on May 29th, beloved wife of Howell, dearly-loved mother of Sally, David and the late Susan. Mother-in-law to William, David and Julie, much-loved Nana to Ben, Chris, Mark, William, Jess, Lucy, Tom and Luke.

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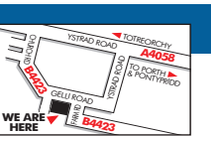

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FINE WIN FOR BARRY WANDERERS MAINTAINS THEIR PROMOTION PUSH

BARRY Wanderers Second XI travelled to Waunfawr Park for their latest league fixture against Cross Keys.

The Wanderers vice captain, Mark Ellis, won the toss and had no hesitation in batting.

Indeed, the Wanderers skipper Chris Barnes was a happy man as he arrived just in time after getting delayed in traffic.

After a promising start, Barnes chased a wide ball and got a snick to the keeper for a six.

When Luke Denning and Colin Rowlands were dismissed in quick succession with the score on 31-3 things looked precarious.

A mini revival took place between Toozer and Ellis before the latter was bowled round his legs for 21.

At 62-4, in came Tom Ridgewell to play a match winning innings and his 62 not out, at almost a run a ball, swung the momentum into the Wanderers favour.

Elwyn Toozer played the anchor role for a vital 30 before he was bowled, while, with the score at 141-5, Rob Tucker, promoted up the order, hit 19 quick runs to enable the Wanderers to post a score of 178-7 in their allocated 45 overs.

BWCC had to field and bowl well to continue their winning run.

The Cross Keys openers were very watchful to the opening bowlers, although Dave Morgan clean-bowled Shardland for 10.

Watkins was soon back in the pavilion with the same combination of Morgan and bowled in the scorebook.

However, a Cross Keys fightback saw the score move past 50 in the 14th over.

As Cross Keys looked to increase the run rate, Ashton bowled T.Morgan and in Ellis' first over, he had the dangerous N Mole LBW for 33.

Ellis then took two further wickets to leave Cross Keys on 75-6 and effectively it was game over.

Ashton finished his spell with figures of 1-13 off 10 overs.

Change bowlers Toozer and Furnham continued to turn the screw, Toozer bowling Amos for five, and led to Cross Keys being 90-8.

However, some effective and obstinate batting saw Cross Keys through to 125-8 off their 45 overs and a 53 run victory for the Wanderers.

A good all round effort and 24 points in the bag led the Wanderers to third in the table and a chance to keep the push for promotion going.

With a home match on Saturday against Girlings and Croesyceiliog, the Wanderers Second XI will look to continue their fine form.

The Dock View Auto Centre man-of-the-match was Tom Ridgewell.

Large total helps victory

THE Wanderers welcomed Chepstow Thirds to a baking-hot Hayes Point and the ground was a picture.

Home skipper Keir chose to bat after winning his first toss of the season.

The Wanderers got off to a terrific start with Lanagan and Sherriff taking full advantage of the conditions by putting on 86 for the first wicket off 19 overs.

However, the partnership was broken when Sherriff fell to the skipper Starr for 29.

Aled Hughes, a winter signing for the Wanderers, came to the crease looking for his third successive century, and his second in the league.

He quickly got into his stride and, with Lanagan, guided their side to 138-1 off 28 overs.

Lanagan had passed his 50 (his third in the league in a row) and as he looked set for a ton, he was bowled by the resourceful Starr for a wonderful 82.

Johnson and Hughes accelerated the scoring and the Wanderers brought up the 200 in the 36th over, just two wickets down.

With plenty of batting to come, risks were taken; Johnson falling for a well crafted 25, and Hughes fell short of his hat-trick of tons, scoring 78.

Chepstow were claiming wickets but the runs kept coming, putting the Wanderers onto 289-5 off their 45 overs.

With runs in hand, the Wanderers attacked, but Chepstow countered, scoring 34 off their first five overs.

Visiting opener Evans took the game to his hosts, but soon Beckett had his partner Bevington bowled and this started a fight-back that pegged the Chepstow batsmen back and controlled their run-rate.

The runs slowed up and soon Chepstow knew they would have to take risks to get close to their target.

After 20 overs, Chepstow were on 70-2.

Eager to kick on, shots started to be played, and this worked out wonderfully for off-spinner Barratt, who claimed three vital scalps.

Beckett chipped in with a wicket, and soon Wanderers had their guests 128-7 off 28.

Evan Davies cleaned up the tail and Chepstow were all out in the 39th over for 173.

A good all-round performance from the bowlers who toiled away in difficult heat, but Davies, Beckett and Barratt were rewarded with a spread of the wickets.

The Sofa Sofa Barry Wanderers man-of-the-match was Gareth Lanagan, for his 82; the linchpin of the batting line-up, it was he who set up the daunting winning total.

Easy win for Wanderers

THE Wanderers made the trip to Lisvane Thirds at St Mellons, looking to maintain their 100 per cent start to the season.

Home skipper Layne and Norris put on 109-22 overs, and it was hard work for BWCC as Lisvane cut, pulled and hooked their way to a good start.

A flurry of wickets saw the reliable Blundell help himself to two scalps, the second an audacious leg cutter that beat Sandandaji all ends up and clipped the top of the off-peg.

By the time Hughes claimed the vital wicket of Norris for a fine 75, caught behind by Keir, Lisvane had fallen to 180-6 off 40 overs.

However, a useful 16 from Bowen ensured Lisvane scored maximum batting points and posted a potentially tricky total of 202-7 off their 45 overs.

Things didn't start well for the Wanderers when hero Sherriff departed for three.

Aled Hughes strode to the crease and nursing a hamstring injury, he dropped on 10. However, with the guidance of his partner Lanagan, he battled through and soon he and Lanagan found runs easy to come by.

By 20 overs, both batsmen had helped themselves to 50s and Hughes, still hampered by his injury, was smashing boundaries to all ends of the ground, and he reached 112 off just 85 balls.

He was brilliantly supported by Lanagan who also ended up unbeaten, scoring 72.

The Wanderers eventually reached their target in the 28th over, scoring 205-1, securing themselves their second successive nine-wicket victory.

The Sofa Sofa Barry Wanderers man-of-the-match was Aled Hughes for his brilliant 112no.

Five wicket victory

ON another sunny afternoon at Hayes Point, the Wanderers' Seconds looked to continue their good form by entertaining Lisvane Fourths.

Lisvane elected to bat and it looked like being a long afternoon in the sun as they started off at a rapid pace.

However, Morgan soon found his consistent line and length and pegged the openers back with a spell of 10 overs, 1-20.

With the Wanderers keeping the score to 66-1 off 23 overs, the second half of the innings would be pivotal to determining the outcome of the game.

Credit must go to Rob Tucker, Mike Ashton and Elwyn Toozer for some excellent bowling and the steady trickle of wickets kept the runs to a limit. Lisvane eventually finished on 144-7 off their allocated 45 overs.

The Wanderers captain went for youth at the top of the order with Bowen and Griffiths opening the batting.

Griffiths, however, was dismissed early on and was soon followed into the pavilion by Bowen and Coleman, both caught off full tosses.

This brought the experienced Toozer and Tucker to the crease and a vital 63-run partnership ensued.

Tucker hit nine fours in his quickfire knock, but the duo departed in successive overs with both being bowled.

Toozer, who looked very comfortable, went for 22 and Tucker for 39.

This brought young Luke Denning and skipper Mark Ellis to the crease with 40 plus runs required and plenty of time to score them.

With a cautious approach, the runs came at a steady pace until Ellis hit a couple of boundaries to bring the target below 10 runs.

Denning batted with composure and dissected the field with a couple of lovely cover drives to bring the scores level, and when the next delivery went down the leg side, the game was over and the Wanderers completed a great win by five wickets.

Victory over Monkswood

THE Sunday XI travelled east to Monkswood hoping to continue the club's good form.

Jamie Keir and Darryl Griffiths were sent in to open the batting but had to adjust their approach as they were faced with two slow bowlers. Keir adapted to the bowling quicker, but soon found himself back in the pavilion having been caught behind for 14.

This brought Pathak to the crease and he soon got into his stride, hitting some crisp boundaries.

With the runs flowing at both ends, Griffiths, looking for a fifty, drove a full toss straight to cover and was caught for 39.

With the score at 105-2 off 27 overs, the impressive Pathak was joined by Luke Harris.

Harris scratched around looking to find some form, while Pathak continued to look good at the other end and brought up his maiden 50 for the Wanderers.

Having put on 76 with Harris, Pathak was run out looking to push on the score for a fine 72.

Harris was next to go for 44, caught and bowled in the final over trying to get to his 50.

The Wanderers innings came to a close on 205-5.

After an interval the Wanderers took to the field.

Hassett and Evan Jones opened the bowling but struggled to make a break through.

Ian Ford was brought on to try and turn the game in Barry's favour, however the Monkswood opening pair weren't going to give their wicket away easily and moved the score onto 75 without loss.

Ford struck, taking the wicket of M Tucker, caught by Jamie Keir at long off, for 48.

He then got the important wicket of G Roberts, bowling him for a fine 63.

With the two danger men out, Wanderers looked to put the squeeze on.

Young James Griffiths was introduced into the attack with his left arm finger spin, and he gave nothing for the batsman to hit.

Griffiths picked up two well deserved wickets including a good catch behind the stumps from Phil Wolfenden.

The inning finished on 180-5, handing a fourth consecutive victory to the Sunday XI by 25 runs.

The Spectrum Displays man-of-the-match was Devanka Pathak for his fine 72.

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Record numbers for Ty Hafan fun run

ABOVE: Even Santa and his twin made it to the Ty Hafan fun run!

The glorious weekend sunshine encouraged almost 400 people to take part in the first Ty Hafan Barry Island Fun Run on Sunday (May 31).

The event, which has replaced the former 5K run to allow more families to take part, was a huge success and the organisers are hoping numbers will rise year on year.

Alan Drury, the event co-ordinator, said: "We would like to thank all the runners and volunteer marshals for taking part as well as local traders and the general public for all their support.

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Vale road works report

Dock View Road junction with Thompson Street, Barry – ongoing temporary traffic signals, to allow construction work on the adjacent footbridge over railway line.

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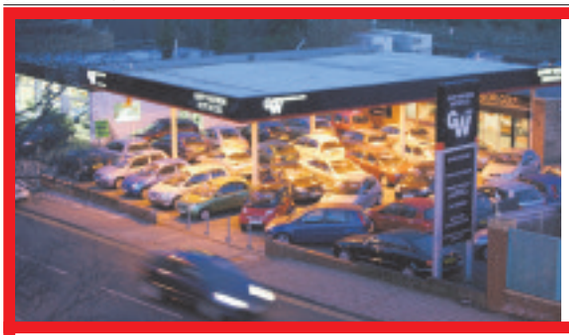

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BACK PAGE COMMENT
by DON JOHN

Right royal shock as Lions stumble on a banana skin

THE first-up match against what was said to be the weakest opposition they would face on tour in South Africa, was always going to be a banana skin encounter for the British and Irish Lions.

However, despite the eventual outcome – a flattering 37-25 victory – surely no-one could have foreseen just how far the tourists would be found wanting against the Royal XV – essentially a scratch team of fringe semi-professional players.

The opening set-pieces had seemed to confirm pre-match expectations that the Lions would simply steamroller over lowly opponents who included no big name Springboks – and thus lay down an early psychological marker for the tour.

Instead, it was the Lions who looked more like the scratch team, as a sorry sequence of nervous errors, lack of precision, and carelessly wasted possession, was compounded by a baffling lack of urgency which saw the initiative handed on a plate to hungry hosts, who sensed an historic upset was well within their grasp.

Indeed, it was only in the final 12 minutes, with the arrival of the cavalry (from the replacements bench) and a solo try of sheer brilliance by Bridgend's Lee Byrne, that the Lions clawed their way back and restored battered pride with two more late touchdowns.

No doubt the travelling Lions' fans heaved a massive sigh of relief at the final whistle, certainly echoed by the thousands glued to our TV sets back home.

The coaches, though, will have been dismayed at the below-par display and worrying lack of potency and understanding shown by players they handpicked from the best the British Isles has to offer.

Three or four who failed to measure up at Rustenburg may have already seen their Test hopes dashed and will become peripheral figures on tour as Ian McGeechan and Co strive for a blend of bonded steel and flair capable of taking on the super-confident Springboks at their own game.

They know they have precious little time to accomplish this and would have been hoping to get the mix (and the moves) right this time for yesterday's second outing against Super-14 side, Golden Lions in Johannesburg.

YOUNG GUNS SHINE ON TOUR

While seven of their countrymen were taking to the field in South Africa, the next generation of Wales players, reinforced by older heads, led by skipper Ryan Jones (how long before he is summoned to the Lions, I wonder?) were given a tough test of their own by a tenacious Canadian side.

In a see-saw encounter, the Welsh tourists, under stand-in coach Robin McBryde, eventually came through in the end to record a commendable 32-23 win, with some fine individual performances showing that some talented young guns are poised to put the pressure on their more established rivals come next season.

COWBRIDGE FIRSTS ARE BEATEN BUT SPECTATORS ENJOY QUALITY CRICKET

IT was another warm, sunny Saturday when Cowbridge First XI welcomed Clydach Cricket Club to the Athletic Field, but unfortunately the result was a defeat for the home side – despite some sensible and attractive batting from the youngsters in the team.

It was certainly an improvement in the batting for league matches, a feature that has been constantly urged on them by the captain.

Cowbridge won the toss and the skipper decided to bat first on what is becoming a harder and more predictable wicket owing to the recent warm and dry conditions.

Tom Merilaht and Elliot Swallow opened the batting, and both batsmen looked comfortable with the opening pace attack of Clydach.

However, after an uneventful five overs, a change of bowling brought about a change of fortune and the fall of the first wicket.

Unluckily for Cowbridge it was the captain's wicket – when he was bowled for five runs, his lowest score of the season and a blow for the team as usually he can be relied upon to score heavily and get the innings off to a good start, while occupying the crease to help the younger batsmen.

KNUCKLE DOWN

Consequently, the younger batters had to knuckle down and concentrate fully on repairing the damage.

Partnerships of 42 runs between Ryan Taylor (19) and Elliot Swallow (22) and one of 75 runs between Mike Lloyd (58) and Adam Wood (25) helped considerably.

The partnership between Mike and Adam was particularly important as they batted together for 11 overs while moving the score from 58-3 to 133-4 in 11 overs.

Adam was caught on 25 while trying to push the score along, while Mike batted for a few more overs, being caught eventually on 58 when the score was 156.

Some lusty blows at the end of the innings from Andy Finucane (20 no) took the score to 189 in the final over.

In comparison with the team's previous scores, this was a respectable total, but it was not quite enough, as the Clydach batsmen demonstrated when they scored the runs required for victory in 43 overs.

It was a respectable total despite losing the captain early in the innings, but not a truly competitive one that would put pressure on the opposition.

This was soon all too obvious as the visitors scored their runs quickly.

RACED

The opening batsmen raced to 90 runs in 23 overs, when the first wicket fell to Nick Davies.

Clydach scored the required runs without much difficulty.

Only Tom Merilaht had some success in capturing three wickets for 38 runs in 10 overs.

Nick Davies ended with figures of 1-41 in 13 overs.

LOOSE BOWLING

Too much loose bowling at the start of Clydach's innings allowed them to score freely without having much pressure exerted by the home side to reduce the flow of runs.

Tom commented after the game: "It was a great effort from the young players while batting, but there were too many freebies from the bowlers at the start.

"If we can combine all three aspects in the next game then we can start to move forward".

This Saturday, the First XI travel to play Ynystawe Cricket Club, while the Seconds find themselves at home. All support is welcomed.

DL

Third XI fall victim to feminine wiles

ON a glorious hot and sunny day, only gently cooled by the wind, the West Wales XI succumbed at Gowerton to the most accurate and consistent bowling they are likely to face this year.

As with every previous match, the captain lost the toss and the team then spent three hot and tiring hours in the field. Michael Hordley and Nat Eliot-Green bowled their maximum of 12 overs and George Brown 11, all turning in less than three runs an over, with Hordley being unlucky enough to have four catches put down.

Gowerton were therefore lucky to make their total of 145 with only five wickets down.

Cowbridge started, being at one stage on 19 runs from 18 overs. Until the first 24 overs were through, the top order were tied down by the extraordinary consistency of Gowerton's opening spin attack.

Only Brazier at 19, and Nat Eliot-Green (with 16) made any impression, although a dogged defence by the tail, led by George Brown and Tom Scott-Combes, avoided a defeat and Cowbridge finished on 78 for 8, thus drawing the match.

The important learning point of the day was that Gowerton's attack was lead by a 15-year-old schoolgirl.

A lot of more senior and stronger players could learn much from her about the importance of control, flight, the ability to spin both ways and variation of pace.

DW

Cowbridge Ladies have week off but men win cup match

COWBRIDGE lady bowlers had no games at all this week.

Mary Thomas, Pauline McAllen, Sue Flower and Joan Bradley went to Bridgend Municipal to play in the Vale President's match.

Playing against a rink from Rhiwbina, they had a good win, 16-10.

The men, in their Munro Cup game at home to Barry Plastics, won well 71-39, winning on three rinks.

Only John Trott's rink, in his second game as skip, lost by 9-16.

The winning rinks were: Mansel Davey's (17-8); Dennis Snelling's (23-9); and Norman Wilkinson's (22-6).

In the Carruthers Shield, they won well by 90-70 at home to Griffin Park, Porthcawl - however, having won two and lost two, they did not qualify for the knockout stages.

Mike Bradley's rink of John Trott, Derek Woolley and Peter Launder had a good win 23-14.

Norman Wilkinson's rink won 25-21 and Brian Kent's rink had a close game, winning 19-17 with two shots on the last end.

On Sunday, the men played against Sully in the Huw Meddins Cup.

Mansel Davey, Bill Looker, Brian Williams and skip Dennis Snelling, won 24-8.

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